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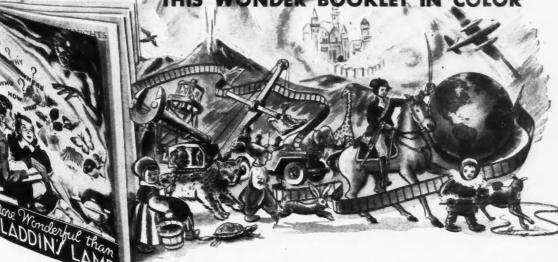
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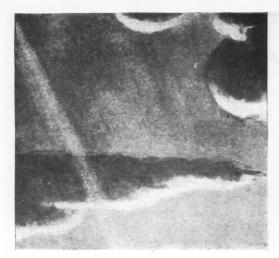
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Was growing by the wayside.

And while Lord Jesus walked with men Upon the Way, A tree, whose trunk would be an upright And whose branch would be a beam . . . Was growing toward a skull-like mound.

And while Paul, the tentmaker,
Preached to men in many lands . . .
Nero, in a quiet glade,
Sought a handle for a headsman's axe.

And while faithful Stephen
Championed the cause of the Just One . . .
Dumb stones were gathered at the city gate.

Oh, Socrates, did you not see the hemlock, growing tall!

Jesus, could you not have fled the tree!

Paul, had you not known of Nero's ire!

Stephen, did you not pass that heap of stones!

Y ou knew! Each of you knew of them!

Of hemlocks, and crosses; headsmen and stones!

But also you knew,

That hemlock was not too bitter a cup to drink

For wisdom;

That a cross was not too heavy a burden to be borne

For unselfish love;

That a headsman's axe was not too sharp an edge to feel

For faith;
That stones were not too dear a price to pay

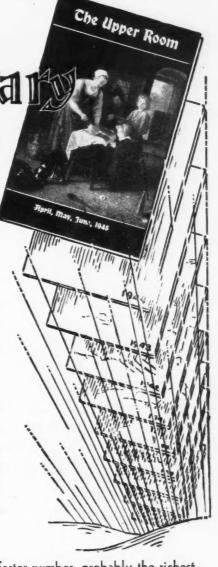
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Question

I know a case in which an aged mother, 85, has lived with a younger daughter, helping to raise three children and doing many other things. Now that she is no longer needed, she has moved in with an older daughter who has serious domestic problems. The older daughter feels the younger daughter should help support the mother, but the young daughter, who has problems too, declines. What is the right answer?

Answer:

A problem such as this is at once an embarrassment and an opportunity. I could not standardize the answer, but it is with the opportunity that I am chiefly concerned in replying to the question. The older daughter, I know, would wish to go the second mile in solving the problem. That would be first with me. At the same time, accepting the older daughter's statement of the case, the mother has more than paid for her "board and keep" in the years she spent in the younger sister's home helping to bring up the children.

Question:

I have studied piano since I was a little girl. I am twenty now. My parents look forward to a musical career for me, but I have an ambition to me so sacred that I have never shared it with others—the ambition to be a surgeon, and if possible a brain specialist. How can I get started on my ambition? I do not want to disappoint my parents by dropping my music. What advice would you give me?

Answer:

From the question and the letter accompanying it, I am sure that I am justified in saying that this young lady may go forward with her music while she explores the field of medicine. There are institutions in Boston, Philadelphia,

Baltimore and New York that would enable this young woman to follow her ambition. Also, I would suggest that whatever she does eventually, her preparation in music should be of almost in estimable value to her. Her ambition is a worthy one, and the spirit in which she faces her difficult problem is most commendable.

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Question:

During the summer we had a very interesting preacher and when our our pastor returned he seemed very dull by comparison. Is this always the case?

Answer

Always it is easy for a summer preach er to be very interesting-if he has even as many as a few interesting sermond Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, who never failed to be interesting, once said: "No one ought to expect a man to preach ten or twelve years in the same pulpit and be as fascinating as a man who preaches a few weeks. Novelty is one of the elements of charm . . . but if the special preacher stayed on, his freshness might wither, his glittering adjectives fail to stir, his periods lose their magic, and the pastor's return would be eagerly awaited." It takes something more than an "interesting sermon" to make a good pastor. At the same time, the pastor who does not hold himself responsible for interesting his congregation, would far better retire.

Question:

I fear that you are supporting extreme fascism in our present government—though I hope not. We need a Lincoln.

Answer:

I am glad for the hope expressed in the above. Eternally, Christian Herall and the writer oppose fascism anywhere and everywhere. We do need a Lincolnalways. However, in Lincoln's administration of the control of the

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tration and during the Civil War, more than 37,000 Northern citizens were thrown into jail for criticizing and obstructing the Government in the prosecution of the war. Also soldiers entered newspaper offices and printing shops, smashed presses and "pied" the type. Today we are far indeed from what seemed to be the emergency requirements of the American Government during the Civil War period.

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At a bridge party given by a parentteacher group in the school auditorium, door prizes were distributed. These were solicited from business places. Among these were two liquor package stores. One of the prizes given away was from one of these stores. What do you think?

Answer:

The situation that you describe is little short of tragic. Of course, liquor stores would seek the advantage. That is to be understood. But why any group of our citizens, in or out of a public-school building, should use such a "prize package" is not to be understood. The practice should be condemned and stopped.

Question:

What can be done to curb the use of profanity in public places and in print?

Answer:

Here is one of the great social problems of these shocked and shocking times. A voice raised in protest will sometimes help. Teachers of secular and religious schools may add their contribution and always each of us may set a good example. Parents particularly have a grave responsibility.

Question:

Is it true that the older we grow with aches, pains and sickness the more we love life? Is this your own experience?

Answer:

I am hardly competent to answer the question, or indeed worthy! But life grows daily more dear to me. Immeasurably this is true because I know this life is but the beginning, because I know that its glory and fulfillment are on ahead and not behind.

Question

Do you believe that if a church stresses the benevolent budget, the annual budget will take care of itself?

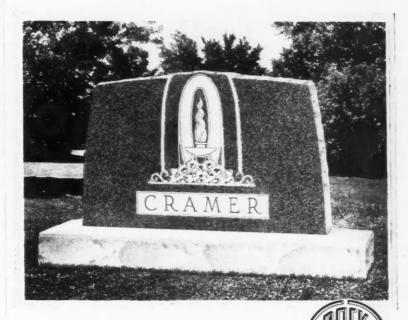
Answer:

No, it is not as simple as that. Hard work and wise planning are still required, but I have observed that churches, thinking first of others, and missionary-minded churches pay their way, balance their budgets and expand their programs.

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## News Digest of the month

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A DEPARTMENT OF INTERPRETATION AND COMMENT ON THE MONTH'S CHIEF EVENTS

#### ATHOME

COMMITTEE: The Dies Committee was dead, exulted its enemies; long let it stay dead. There really didn't seem to be much chance of a resurrection, with the committee's famous chairman out of Congress and a seemingly overwhelming majority of national legislators lukewarm about the whole business. Rigor mortis had set in.

Then up stepped John Rankin, gentleman from Mississippi, champion of white supremacy, foe of Communism. Up he stepped with one of the fastest moves ever seen in Washington. He surprised the fresh young 79th Congress with a motion to recreate the committee, called for immediate vote, got it, won. Won by a vote of 207 to 186. Quizzed after the hectic maneuver, many a Congressman said he was actually opposed to the recreation, but voted "Aye" because so many of their constituents thought the committee should go on. Into Dies' chairman's chair drops Representative Edward J. Hart, of Jersey City.

We've gone overboard on the Dies Committee, in this column, more than once. We believe that committee did a tremendous amount of good, an equally tremendous amount of harm. We believe it will be better under Hart than under the Texan. Yes, Hart comes right out of the tents of Mayor Hague, who is no great champion of free speech or the democratic method, and that's no recommendation. But Hart is still more liberal than Dies; his committee should be better.

There is no good reason why a committee to investigate un-American activities shouldn't become a permanent fixture. We need it, at least for the duration. All we're concerned about is the method of its procedure. It should be a democratic committee, not an Inquisition. Here's hoping . . .

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REVENUE: There is a great moaning at the bar (at a good many bars) right now, rising from the closing of the race tracks of the U. S. The moaning leaves us rather cold; we never did like that race-track "bookie," anyway, and we're PAGE 7 • CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945

glad to see him looking around for honest ways of making a living. That crowd of race-track touts, now in the army of the unemployed, has all too long had an influence on the American character comparable to the influence of one bad apple in a barrel of good apples.

But that's beside the point. The real row, following the closing of the tracks, looms up in the frantic scrambling of the states to replace the lost revenue. Bets and fees amounting to \$65,000,000 (yes, we said sixty-five millions), were taxable in this country in 1944. Massachusetts collected \$6,147,756 last year, in race-track taxes; Florida collected \$6,794,336; New York got \$29,138,689.

Losing that much is quite a loss. But greater still is the loss of character seen in some of the proposals being made by the various states, to make up the loss by new taxes. Representative Thomas Reilly of Massachusetts proposes a statesupervised lottery; it is estimated that such a lottery in the Bay State would produce \$50,000,000 a year. (We doubt that.) In Arkansas, it is suggested that the state go into the wholesale liquor business. Florida is considering an increase in the present three-cent cigarette tax. (Good!) And it is to the eternal credit of Governor Dewey of New York that he suggests no gambling devices, but recommends only that there be no reduction in existing revenue-raising levels.

Can we really be as bankrupt in ingenuity and character as these men from Massachusetts and Arkansas think we are? Or are we still willing to pay honestly for our war?

**SPEECH:** Most of the speeches made in the U. S. Senate are grist for the mill of the *Congressional Record*, and little more. But when Senator Vandenburg got to his feet in that chamber recently and asked that he not be interrupted until he had finished, he had in his hand a speech that will never disappear in the stuffy pages of the *Record*; this was a speech for the ages, for a generation of bleeding men.

You read about it in the newspapers:

we will not quote it at length here. Be it enough to say that it proposed, in the main, a "hard and fast" treaty by the major Allies to keep Germany and Japan disarmed, the early adoption of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals for an international peace organization, and definite statements to the Axis that the sooner the Axis agreed to unconditional surrender, the easier the surrender would be. Three proposals, which fell at home and abroad with the force of three bombshells.

Most important here is the strengthening of the hand of President Roosevelt in the peace deliberations; he now has a powerful argument against those abroad who will claim that the U. S. is still "isolationist." Senator Vandenberg is a convert from isolation, with that speech; he sees clearly that we cannot hide our heads in the sand, much longer. It was a brave, good speech, and with the speaker well known and respected abroad, it will carry unusual weight.

Only one proposal troubles us: it is the one dealing with a hard and fast treaty. Treaties have been torn to bits before our modern eyes too often for any of us to put all our faith in them. But of course the Senator, pleading for Dumbarton Oaks, doesn't intend to put all his faith in the written document; he speaks for force. Question: Couldn't all this be accomplished without any treaty at all?

But we may be begging the question. Vital here, significant, is the fact that a great isolationist has come over. He has fired a shot heard round the world.

FREE: Jerome Davis claims he was libeled by an article in a leading American secular weekly, being called a Communist. He sued for \$250,000 damages, claiming the article kept him out of a \$6,000 job with the National Youth Administration. Recently he settled out of court, for \$11,000.

The \$11,000 means nothing; of significance is the fact that such a suit was brought by such a man at such a time. During the last war, men and women were deported on the vague charge that they were "Reds" or "Communists,"

without benefit of trial. Now, in this war, one man is called that, sues and wins. Right in the middle of a war!

This is democracy. This is the American right of every man to his day in court. And this is a warning to those who heedlessly throw the charge "Red!" at anyone who happens to disagree with them. We've heard most of the prominent leaders of the country called that,

next meeting with Stalin, Churchill; it will be most elaborate meeting of the Big Three yet . . . War veterans in U. S. are now taking government jobs at the rate of about 12,000 per month . . . Food outlook for 1945 is good: there will be more meat, more fresh vegetables, many more frozen vegetables, fewer berries, cherries, pineapples, pears . . . Take all the coal you can get, of whatever kind

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Something must be done, and soon, if the confidence of the West—and East—is to be held by the present leaders of the democracies. We have come to a turn in the road: one way lies security, the way of the Atlantic Charter, the way of allowing the peoples of the world to live under rulers of their own choice, the way of "no territorial aggrandizement." The other way lies power politics, the seeds of World War III, confusion, chaos, collapse.

Congress is growing impatient; Congress wants to know just where we stand, just what the policy is to be. There seems to be some agreement on policy between Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill; the Prime Minister has stated bluntly in Commons that England will stand for the "domestic freedom and full sovereignty of the Polish state," and nothing could be clearer. All we need now is the word of Russia that the Russians stand for the same thing.

The cleavage leaves us with Britain and the United States on the one side, Russia on the other. It is not a permanent nor necessarily a dangerous cleavage; it can be bridged. There is still time—but it must be done before the war is over. If it isn't, we may as well start getting ready for the next one.

MacArthur: General MacArthur's persistent pressing for more and more material evidently has brought him what he wants; the way he walked into Luzon, with little or no opposition, proves that. It all looks too good to be true, and somehow we can't uncross our fingers; it certainly looks as though the Japanese were up to something, for they would never give up an inch of Luzon without a desperate fight if they were in a position to make that fight. For Luzon, they admit in Tokyo, is the key to the whole business. A thousand years of future history has been shaped on the Manila plain.

In our possession, Luzon would clear the road to China and close the road for the Japanese to their ill-gotten empire in the south. And it is even more important than that: this Luzon battle will finally prove whether the Japanese army has anything left to fight with, or whether it is about through. Their navy is in a bad way. Halsey roams the China coast at will, and before these words get into print the last effective naval strength of the Nipponese may be resting on the bottom of the sea. What a job the Yankee Navy has done, since Pearl Harbor!

With Luzon in the Yankee bag, the most desperate of the fighting may be over. Military experts now are saying that we may never have to fight in MaCHRISTIAN HERALD MAR, 1945 • PAGE 8



Russell in The Los Angeles Times
"STUDY IN BLACK AND WHITE"

from the President to small-town ministers, at one time or another, and it is bad business. It is a bad word, this "Red," and one not to be handled loosely. Count ten before you use it—then count ten more!

COURIER'S CUES: U. S. military men now rate the Battle of the Bulge as German military victory; it completely upset our timetable . . . So did the Russians upset the Nazi schedule; same military authorities say it is likely Russians will be credited with really winning the war with their push . . . Japanese expected to give up Mandalay easily, but to fight hard for Rangoon . . . Watch for a teaming up of CIO with Soviet organizations in effort to create new world labor front . . . United Nations War Crimes Commission is expected to die an easy, silent death; it never was more than window-dressing, at best; Russia never joined it; each nation may prosecute their own pet war criminals, separately . . . FDR is most optimistic about . . . Congress is cooling off on idea of national peacetime draft.

#### ABROAD

peace: If the Allies go on as they're going now, there will be no need for a peace conference when it's all over; about all the delegates to that affair will have left to do will be to call the roll—and adjourn. For the peace is being made right now.

That may sound strange to some of us who have been talking so much of what we shall be doing in the post-war world, but it's a fact. The crisis in Poland is a case in point. Britain recognizes the Polish government-in-exile as the official Polish governmental body; so does the United States. But Stalin will have none of that; Russia recognizes Lublin. Lublin is, in spite of propaganda, a Communist set-up; it is bossed by a Communist

laya, Borneo and the Dutch Indies; that the Emperor may move his government to Manchukuo or Korea, and that the final fight will take place there. This would seem to negate the necessity of driving the Japanese out of the jungles of the Pacific. It will not be jungle fighting in Manchukuo or Korea or even in China; here are great open spaces where tanks can maneuver and where planes can spot their targets and go at them full tilt. But—we'll wait awhile before prophesying too much in that direction.

Fighting his own war to a brilliant finish, MacArthur took time out this week to prophesy a bit. He said that the United States will never settle Europe's quarrels; that the present nationalistic set-up of Europe is on its last legs; that this old and dying set-up will die, and that Russia will step into the breach and reorganize Europe on the Soviet plan!

as we go to press. The Germans are en route back to where they came from. Scampering before the unbelievable power of the Russian drive in the East, they are moving backwards faster than they ever moved ahead, and they don't know where they're going to stop.

That bulge business was a bad one. Thinking wishfully, many of us tried to think it was an Allied trap; that Eisenhower deliberately let the Germans through, then hemmed them in and slaughtered them. But Ike would never have paid a bill of forty thousand casualties for that. The Germans claim we had 50,000 casualties, and that over that they took 24,000 prisoners. Even allowing for Nazi lying, it was a pretty stiff price.

No-somebody blundered. That's understandable; over-confidence has lost many a ball game. What we can't quite understand is why our men are fighting with inferior weapons, after all these years of war. Every new weapon seems to be a German weapon. The rocketbomb was German; the jet-propelled plane was German; the new "foo fighters" (balls of fire which follow Allied planes for miles) are German. And now in the press we hear that American tanks are still much inferior to German. Hanson W. Baldwin, New York Times commentator, claims that the German Tiger has it all over the American Sherman in armor, fire-power, weight and maneuverability. There's quite a squabble going on about it.

Well, Americans never were much good at thinking up diabolical ways of slaughtering their fellow men. We had the rocket-bomb in the days of the last world war, and we refused to develop it because it was a weapon of indiscriminate civilian destruction. But the German, with war as a beloved profession, has been a willing toiler in the workshop PAGE 9 • CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945

of Mars. And now his every weapon, new and old, turns on him to destroy him. It is the same with the rocket-bomb as it was with the sword; he who takes the rocket-bomb will perish with the rocket-bomb. The idea is the same today as it was in Galilee!

#### CHURCH NEWS

CITY CHURCH: Dr. H. Paul Douglas is director of surveys for the Home Missions Council; last week he reported to the representatives of twenty-three Protestant denominations on a survey he has been taking of the city church. It was not a very encouraging report. Dr. Douglas told his listeners that anywhere from one-third to two-fifths of the churches in some great metropolitan areas are either stationary or declining in numbers and influence. The main trouble seems to be in shifts of populations. Steady and often very heavy shifts of population away from the centers of large cities have left the old churches stranded and dependent on members living miles away from the church building.

Says Dr. Douglas: "Except when fatefully emancipated from the fortunes of their neighborhoods, the churches have to share the deteriorated lot of the neighborhood people. . . New people have to be assimilated, or else the church will remain only a dwindling institution serving only the stranded minority of the original population."

The Metropolitan church in this country is in a bad way; there is no doubt about that. What will save it? Many



U. S. COAST GUARD PHOTO FROM ACM

Military handbook does not cover this situation. A Yank photographer on Leyte, camera in hand, picks up a Filipino tot who starts to cry, leaving the soldier in a rather awkward position.

who have been studying it for years say only one thing will save it: a complete change of pace and program, a shift to a program based not on tradition but on the needs of the community of which the church finds itself a part.

HOOD RIVER: The United States Army has a new brand of serviceman's newspaper in Stars and Stripes; it speaks bluntly and it laughs at precedent. This week it swung with both editorial fists when it learned that the Hood River American Legion Post in Hood River, Oregon, had advised all Americans of Japanese ancestry to sell their property and get out of town. That was just too much for Stars and Stripes, which reminded the Hood River Legionaires in no uncertain language that there were Japanese-Americans fighting at the front, and doing quite as much to help win the war as the Hood River Post was doing, safely removed from the front in Oregon. The doughboys fighting under Lieut. General Alexander Patch got mad, too, and wrote in to the editor of Stars and Stripes, calling attention to the gallant record of the 442nd Infantry, composed largely of Japanese-Americans, and fighting in Italy. Mad as hornets were the men of the 141st Regiment of the 36th Division. Just two months ago, that battalion was caught in a German trap near Bruyeres; they were saved by Japanese-American troopers who hacked their way through the German ring to get the trapped Americans out. Eightyone men were trapped: only twentythree are alive today and the twentythree haven't much patience with Hood River.

While this was going on, the Sacramento Council of Churches was issuing a statement calling on West Coast churches to assist returning Japanese-American evacuees, warning against boycotts and other forms of intimidation and urging church members to help reduce the friction caused by over-zealous patriots. That action is typical of the West Coast church, and in justice to Oregon let it be said that more than one church group in that state has already gone on record as favoring a Christian approach to the problem.

missionaries: The Japanese loomed up in another church action this week, an action on the East Coast. Twenty-one Protestant American missionaries, meeting in New York City, issued a dramatic statement in which they called for aid to post-war Japan in restoring her domestic and educational institutions. The men who signed that statement are not men to be ignored; in the list of signers we find such names as E. Stanley Jones, Frank C. Laubach, Kenneth Scott Laturette and Dr. Galen Fisher of the International Council of the YMCA.

These men warn us that coercive and

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saying in Ma-PAGE 8 punitive treatment of the Japanese after the war will do nothing more than to promote more trouble, and to make of the Pacific what they call "the world's cockpit of empire." Knowing the Japanese because they have lived with the Japanese, they feel that the people of that land have qualities of character and leadership badly needed in the reconstruction of Asia; they condemn bitterly the suggestion that the Japanese be reduced to the status of a third-rate agricultural people. They look beyond the armistice, and they see the function of the Church, after the armistice, as one of holding the world together. The Christian fellowship between the Churches of the world, they believe, is the only force left in the world strong enough to do that.

REGENT: The furore which is Greece has held a prominent place in the headlines for months, and the sympathy of the civilized world has gone out to the people of that desperate land. The furore mounted high in the two assaults on Mr. Churchill during his visit to Athens; Mr. Churchill, championing the restoration of the equally unpopular King George to his Greek throne, was forced to give way and champion another Greek-one who is perhaps the most popular man in all Greece. We have seen his picture in the papers; he is the calm, black-bearded Metropolitan Damaskinos, Archbishop of Athens, now appointed Regent of Greece.

The Archbishop is popular because all through the German horror, he risked his life in defense of the rights of the conquered Greeks. He openly protested the deportation of Greek workers and the execution of hostages; twice he offered to die himself if his people could be spared. Thousands of Greeks owe their lives to him, as do many British prisoners and Jews. He led his priests in refusing to announce the anti-Semitic decrees of the Nazis in the churches of his country, and he openly exhorted the congregations of his churches to treat the Jew with justice, tenderness and consideration. No wonder he is the hero of the land!

When the British approached him and asked him to act as Regent, he accepted the offer on one condition: that he be allowed to exercise his powers in an unbiased fashion. Judging from the courage of past performances, he will be no "yes-man," and he may be the one man in Greece able and popular enough to stop the bloodshed and restore order. But even if he fails in that, his place in history is secure. He takes his place beside two other churchmen who have become symbols of European faith; he is in the immortal company of Niemoeller and Berggrav.

TREND: Methodist Bishop James C.

Baker of Los Angeles put his finger on a great religious trend of modern times when he addressed the International Missionary Council at Toronto, Canada, last month. Regarded as a liberal and as a champion of the social applications of the gospel, the Bishop entered an eloquent plea for evangelism in the postwar world-and for the joining of what churchmen have been calling the social gospel with individual evangelism. He believes that if we are to go on thinking of two approaches to religious effort as separate and distinct, that we will accomplish nothing but the enervation of both. Asserting that the social gospel is "coming with new strength into the evangelism of our time," Bishop Baker



Latest portrait of Archbishop Damaskinos, recently named Regent of Greece.

said that we must have both individual effort and social application if the world is to be saved. "Evangelism," he said, "must get out of the old grooves and go where people are." He called for a new prophetic witness to our religious doctrines and principles, and worship that will range farther into human relationships.

We may see it accomplished, in our time. Evangelism may become social as well as individual.

#### TEMPERANCE

**OUCH:** The First Methodist Church of Rahway, New Jersey, recently held a fourth quarterly conference at which they did something more than report on the number of new members. They passed a resolution which must have made many a local grocer and liquor-seller say "Ouch!" The resolution:

"No money from the treasury of the First Methodist Church of Rahway, or

from the treasury of the church school of said church, shall be spent in any store except those whose owners or managers are not known to have, or to be suspected of having, some interest in the manufacture or sale of beverage alcohol, and the respective treasurers are hereby instructed to refuse to pay for any purchases not made in accordance with this provision."

And that's about the only kind of argument that gets anywhere with the boozemen.

DOCTOR: "Why don't they make the distillers take the hangover out of liquor? It is their failure to do so that is mainly responsible for the huge labor loss from 'Monday morning hangovers,' that keep war-plant workers from their jobs." Thus asks Dr. Howard M. Goldsmith, superintendent and chief of staff of two Chicago hospitals, in an interview with a representative of the American Business Men's Foundation.

The good doctor went on to say that there are different alcohols in all whiskey. Ethyl alcohol predominates. Then there are other smaller quantities of "higher alcohols." Ethyl can be burned up by the human body at a rate of about 10 cc. per hour; the higher alcohols take much longer. They are one hundred times more injurious than ethyl. Intelligent distillation of whiskey could take the higher alcohols out, if the distillers would do it-which they will not! They tell us that a great many very wonderful things are done to their whiskey by aging it in charred oak barrels, but the real reason they use that aging process is to try to cover up the taste of these dangerous alcohols with resins from the wood, and to make more money from the storage. Concludes the doctor, speaking of the distillers, "They are one of America's most backward industries!"

Only backward? We'd call this mur-

RECORD: The record says that one out of every five fatal accidents in 1943 involved either a driver or a pedestrian who had been drinking; one out of every eight drivers caught in fatal accidents in 1943 was reported drinking, and one in every five adult pedestrians killed had been drinking. And one in three fatal accidents at night involved drinking by a driver or a pedestrian.

During the twelve months of 1943, deaths from motor vehicles numbered 23,400 and injuries totalled 800,000, of which 70,000 involved some permanent disability. Compare that with the announced total of all battle casualties in World War II from December 7, 1941 to August 29, 1944, or about 33 months. Total killed, wounded, missing or captured for that period is 389,125.

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## DAY OF JUDGMENT FOR THE PROTESTANT CHURCH

NE of the finest Christians I know is a young man of my church who is a conscientious objector. At the moment he is an attendant in the violent ward at a Virginia institution for the insane. Surely no soldier in any foxhole has a less desirable assignment. Here too is moral courage of the highest order. Nor does this young man regard himself as removed from the war and exempt from its responsibilities. He knows that indirectly at least, he makes it possible for other men to bear arms. He knows that in a world of war there is no escape from war. He is grateful that his country respects his conviction, honors the integrity of his choice and uses, rather than wastes, his life.

I have met conscientious objectors in many theaters of this global conflict who are as realistic as is this young man, met them individually and in groups from California to Chungking. On occasion I have talked with them long and intimately. They are making their lives count in constructive service for their fellows, as members of the ambulance corps and bearers of the wounded as well as in laboratories and in public institutions. Their physical courage and moral fortitude have been honored. Some have been decorated on the field of battle. Seldom have men in the fighting forces failed to gratefully acknowledge the bravery of objectors such as these. There are, of course, other men more difficult to appreciate. For instance, those in Britain who refused to put out incendiary bombs because they would not join any part of the war effort, though their refusal forwarded the enemy's purpose and though later while in prison they ate food that came to England under the guns of the fleet-food that other men dared and died to bring in. Nevertheless the recognition of the status of the conscientious objector is again the difference between Hitler and freedom, the difference that must increase rather than decrease if freedom itself is to be enriched and strengthened.

But as we see it, one possible sad mistake should not be made by our Protestant church leadership. The mistake of so censuring war itself after the next armistice—as we did following the last one—that we misjudge or violently denounce all those who have had a part in the conflict. Following Versailles, manufacturers who supplied military materials to the Government were branded as "merchants of death;" soldiers were "killers," chaplains and the civilian clergy who supported them were caricatured in such best sellers as "Preachers Present Arms," The chaplaincy itself was under heavy attack in many Protestant religious journals and a serious effort was made to withdraw church support if chaplains remained under Army and Navy regulations. There was a veritable emotional orgy in which not only war itself, but the so recently feted warriors, too, were renounced. Servicemen of 1918 have not forgotten how they were "so soon forgot," and they do not intend that their sons shall have a like experience. Also the sons are giving evidence that they have a mind to take care of themselves.

Then let the Church set herself to meet the shock of the serviceman's return to civilian life, to meet it with the courage of a Christlike faith, to meet it with a strong hand of understanding and brotherliness. A hand that greets each man in his own right and without distinction. The unity that wins the war can win the peace; indeed, without it the peace will again be lost. The Church more than any other institution among us—if she will fully exercise her divine mission—has the grace and genius to strengthen and perfect this unity.

Recently a Protestant missionary journal carried an article, informative and eloquent, which told the brave story of the conscientious objectors and plead for a righteous and Christian attitude toward them. "What Shall We Do With Seven Thousand Consciences?" was the title of the article. But here is one sentence from the piece that is exactly what the Church should not say and write in such a time as this: "I could not escape the conclusion that here were young Americans of such outstanding intellect, character, and religious convictions that they will some day contribute the best leadership of the churches and of the nation." It is against that "best leadership" that in the name of twelve million other "consciences," I protest. Later in the article the author writes of these seven thousand, "in them greatness is passing by." Agreed, but again in the name of the twelve million I protest. The comparison is both invidious and odious and serves neither American nor Christian unity. Also it misrepresents the "7000 consciences." I too have seen greatness passing by—on desert roads and on jungle trails, down the oceans and across the skies. From these too will come that "best leadership of the churches and of the nation" for in these too is "outstanding intellect, character, and religious conviction." deny the implication that morally and spiritually these millions are the inferior of the 7000. In this denial I speak for and not against the 7000.

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"We are not divided, all one body we," should be the song of our Protestant faith and our call to Christian unity as we rise to receive our sons returning from the wars.





A member of the audience asks a question during the question-and-answer period of a broadcast of "Town Meeting of the Air."





"THE WORLD HAS NEVER HAD A GOOD DEF-INITION OF THE WORD 'LIBERTY', AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, JUST NOW, ARE MUCH IN NEED OF ONE."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

## By HOWARD RUSHMORE

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EMEMBER the little man with the bell who used to go around about suppertime shouting "Town Meetin' Tonight"? Don't be ashamed if you can't; he went out of circulation as a community fixture 200 years ago. But he was quite a fellow, in his day; his bell tolled a summons to a form of activized democracy that might well be on the march in our country today. That old town meeting in the schoolhouse or the courthouse was a rallying ground for persons of all shades of political, social and religious opinion, and in the days of our great-great-great grandfathers it was the forum where opinions were exchanged, often changed but never denied.

George V. Denny, Jr. mourns the passing of the man with the bell, and in his own way he has been doing his best for years to bring him back into the American scene. As founder and moderator of modern radio's "Town Meeting of The Air," this genial, even-tempered man has watched thousands of citizens struggle

in argument and discussion on myriad topics; during the ten years he has been president of Town Hall, Inc., he has heard voices raised in affirmation and denial and, like old Aristophanes, he has "collected audiences about him and flourished and exhibited, and harangued."

Guiding that lively and often downright furious program of argument, Mr. Denny, neutral as he may sound over your Blue Network station every Thursday evening, has seen and heard enough in this decade of debate as a modern Town Crier to have some private worries of his own concerning freedom in this country of ours, of freedom and its meaning and its future.

We talked with him yesterday in his New York office, just after he had returned from a nation-wide tour, during which the citizens of Denver, Memphis, St. Louis and dozens of other cities—citizens of all colors and creeds—had sounded their views on such Town Hall topics as peace, war, education and politics. This coast-to-coast excursion had come during one of the nation's most bitter campaigns for Federal offices: Denny and his staff had been "on location" across the face of a country facing the fourth year of terrible war. What did



America say? What were Americans thinking?

"Freedom? Yes, they're thinking about that," Denny said, a frown clouding his face. "But to many of our Americans, it's a special kind of freedom. For themselves in their special organization, in their own club or group, freedom means something to permit their own cause to go on, but which will deny the same privilege to others."

He leaned back in his chair and ran a nervous hand through his blond-gray hair. "I'll admit I'm worried about this drift, this trend in the public. I might call it 'segment thinking,' if that phrase means anything to you." He bent forward, his eyes earnest.

"These segments belong to special groups or classes. They are composed of people who are concerned only with the troubles of their own kind. They have rejected individual thinking and reason for mass support of a prejudice. You remember the words of Aeschylus about words being the physicians of a mind diseased? I've always found our Americans more or less ready to welcome contrary opinions, to get into the discussion of a topic and at the same time recognize the intellect and intent of the adversary.



A high-school boy asks a question during a broadcast of "Town Meeting of the Air," from Denver, Colo. A member of the staff stands beside him.

This segment sort of thinking is a departure from that healthy attitude."

Denny reached over his desk and showed me a small ball, painted black, which he grasped tightly in his hand. "The color you see is . . .?" Puzzled, I answered, "Black, of course." He shook his head. "The part I see is white." He twirled the ball between his fingers, and I saw it was half white and half black.

"We could never agree on its color," he said, "unless you knew my point of view and unless I realized that you were looking at it from another point of view. Many of our disagreements could be settled if people would only look at both sides of the ball."

Too many of our people, he thinks, are looking through a glass darkly, or refusing to see those opposite points of view. He doesn't confine his "segment" or "pressure group" to any one division of our society. Capital and labor, veterans and civilians, North and South, big business and small business—all are seeking their day in a court where the jury, they hope, is handpicked to deliver the verdict of their choice. They have none of that benevolence that characterizes the American mind; instead, they are becoming adept in the hardened opinion of hatred.

On one Town Hall program we heard recently, a speaker was selected to uphold the cause of labor unions. He was smug and pat in his facts and was irritated that they were even questioned by his opponent, who spoke for industry. Neither side would admit to any shortcomings; neither would champion the other's right to opinion or even friendly discussion. The audience (which Denny and his staff invites with a view to having a fairly equal number of partisans for each side), was equally intolerant and rude.

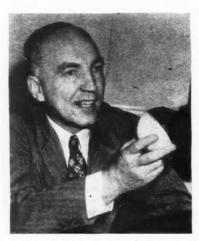
Is this progress on the onward road of

history, or is it a serious detour? Although he isn't discouraged, the Town Hall's moderator doesn't call it progress.

"When the Pilgrims landed," he said in his soft voice, tinged with a Southern drawl, "one of their first acts was to build a meetinghouse where they could worship God as they chose, and meet together to discuss their common problems as they settled on the edge of the wilderness. We face a new wilderness today, a wilderness composed not only of our ancient problems, but a multitude of new problems created and still unsolved by the machine age.

"Never before in the history of the world has it been so possible for the mind of man to reach out and gain a great knowledge of the world around him, on and beyond this planet, as it is today. Nor have we ever been more bewildered and confused.

"The solution?" He shook his head. "I don't flatter myself that I can give it. But what I do know, from my experience as moderator of Town Hall, is that quite definitely we must realize that we are not only citizens of our respective communities, states, and nations, but we are also members of the human race.



George V. Denny, Jr., founder and moderator of "Town Meeting of the Air," holds his famous black-and-white ball with which he explains the principle of his internationally famous forum.

"You may think I'm saying the obvious and speaking in platitudes. Yet those obvious truths are forgotten by so many Americans! They forget to live as individuals. They join pressure groups and campaign for selfish causes. Babbitt and iconoclast alike, they are losing that individualism so richly and importantly characteristic of America. They are becoming segments. And potentially dangerous segments.

"Let's not forget that freedom, desirable as it is, is just about the most dangerous thing in the world, especially

if it is used without a proper sense of responsibility. Implicit in freedom is the right to be and to advocate evil as well as good, injustice as well as justice, and to practice foul rather than fair play. A free people may abuse their freedom, following in the way of expediency and make decisions which seem wise at the moment, but, because they ignore high principle, lead ultimately to slavery."

Denny took out his black-and-white ball and rolled it between his hands, "Today," he continued, "we have purveyors of organized 'truth' selling their organizations and pressure groups, each one pointing to a small segment of the ball and calling attention to what we already see, and insisting that this is the whole truth. If we continue to listen to these apostles of selfishness, we will go the way that other free peoples have gone who did not use their freedom wisely. One of the penalties of being free is that there is a corresponding responsibility. We must be right, we must be just and we must be strong-strong enough to maintain those rights wherever our responsibilities extend."

We interrupted to ask if he agreed with Plato that a democracy was a "charming form of government, full of variety and disorder and dispensing a sort of equality to equals and unequals alike."

He nodded thoughtfully. "Of course, Plato lived before democracy came into being as a system of government. He didn't live in a machine age and he couldn't foresee our problems or define freedom as we moderns would define it. For example, the French, in a nation full of democratic tradition, made such use of their freedom that the present war found them unprepared, disunited and divided politically into twenty-nine parties, each hating the other with all the bitterness of the Capulets and Montagues.

"Remember the pre-Pearl Harbor arguments of the Isolationists and the Interventionists? We had plenty of each side, in Town Hall. We tried, as we always do, to present the best possible speakers for both sides. Yet many of these two groups didn't follow that method in their own program. The Isolationists would hold a mass meeting one night in a community and talk to the people who agreed with them. A few days later, in the same community, the Interventionists would hold a meeting and talk to the folks who agreed with them.

"What was the result? Each group intensified its natural prejudices, the cleavages in each community were widened and hatred was stirred wherever this practice was followed. Oh, yes, they were exercising their freedom of speech, and what they did was perfectly legal. But we couldn't have done a better job

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I SEE GOD
in
America

By EDDIE CANTOR

AM convinced that the heart and soul of our democracy, the essence of our liberty, is the religious spirit of our people. Our first national holiday is a religious day—Thanksgiving—and the first sentence of our Declaration of Independence is an acknowledgement of man's indebtedness to God.

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One day soon, peace will come; there are those who fear the form our jubilation will take. I know there will be some people who will celebrate in night clubs, some whose pent-up emotions will flood over in roistering-but this, too, I know . . . most of us will pause to pray . . . to give thanks to God, each in our own way, each in our own house of worship. I know, too, that many a Methodist, far from his own church at the moment, will stop at a Presbyterian church . . . or a Jew will walk into a Catholic church. I know this, because I have a great faith in the fundamental goodness of our people . . . because I have faith in America!

Tuesday morning, June sixth, found me at the corner of 50th Street and Fifth Avenue, in New York City. I was on my way to a rehearsal of my radio show, and for once I was hours early.

That morning, at breakfast, I had read the news. The Allied armies had invaded France. An impelling force seemed to take hold of me. I left my food untouched, dressed automatically, picked up my script for the next day's broadcast, walked out of my hotel. Yet, when I reached the corner of 50th and Fifth, I knew quite certainly that the rehearsal was not my destination. For a moment I stood there, hesitant, undecided. Something strange was going on about me... and then, suddenly, I knew.

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For there, directly before my eyes, loomed the House of God nearest my temporary home. It was a Catholic church—St. Patrick's Cathedral. I am not a Catholic, but neither were many of those walking up the steps with me that day. I looked at the faces of people around me. They were quiet, but not strained. Their eyes were fixed, but kindly.

I walked into the church, which was full to overflowing. People made way for each other. All of us had come to that church to speak . . . silently . . . out of our hearts. Three thousand miles away men were dying on the beaches at Normandy; and we at home were trying to send them a message—that their dying would not be in vain. And my heart was adding its voice to this outpouring.

We were sharing our faith that day . . . my faith . . . in the people. For, I see God in America. I believe, with John Ruskin, that, "That country is the richest which nourishes the greatest number of noble and happy human beings." America is such a country. What other land on earth can claim that it has so nourished its people, so greatly invested them with nobility and happiness?

Yes, here was my faith, here in this Catholic church at this moment, or around the block where the Protestants worshipped, or farther up the avenue, where my brother Jews were offering up their prayers. I saw clearly that day that God is in the people as well as in the churches and the synagogues.

By nature and profession, I am a comedian. I have found humor in the fact that my five children are all girls. I have often been asked if I did not cherish an unrequited desire for a son. The answer to that question was to be found in my presence in that church on that day when the long-awaited invasion came. I was there to pray for my sons, for those millions of sons, who were doing for me

what they were doing for their own fathers and mothers . . . what they were doing for America!

I feel that all the boys over there are my boys. For if I had a son, could he be doing more than they to protect the things I love, the land I cherish, the God I worship? No! My faith is in them, in what they are, in what they represent.

It was of them that Andrew Carnegie said, long ago, "Take away my factories. My railroad, my ships. Take away my money, strip me of all these things, but leave me my men, and in two or three years I will have everything back again."

This is my faith . . . these people . . . this America. I hold, with far wiser men, the belief that America is God's crucible, where the races of all the earth will be melted and re-formed to make the entire world a better, happier place to live in.

In lands of tyranny, when all the institutions of civilization—science, art and government, succumbed to the will of the oppressor, it was the institution of religion which alone stood out and resisted evil. Niemoeller, the Protestant pastor; Faulhaber, the Catholic Priest; and Baeck, the Jewish Rabbi were just a few whose undaunted voices proclaimed the spirit of religion, the spirit of the people which lifts man above persecution and fortifies him against violence.

Religious inspiration is the source of man's loftiest ideals; his House of Worship is his stay and support, his fountainhead of freedom.

My faith is bound up within the people of America, because they and I hold this freedom dearly. Not for ourselves alone, but for all people, all over the world.

And that is why I see God in America.

## By GEORGE WEINSTEIN

T McNEILL ISLAND, near Tacoma, Washington, a boat was launched not so long ago. No hero's mother was there to sponsor it. No silver-tongued senator was there to deliver a flowery speech as it slid down the ways. For the ways were part of the Federal Penitentiary at McNeill Island and the only spectators were a group of prisoners. Strictly speaking, they were not spectators. For they were too busy laying the keels for two more boats, to give the launching anything more than momentary attention.

No gimlet-eyed guard stood over them with an itchy finger on a tommy-gun. It wasn't necessary. These prisoners were there voluntarily. They had asked for

this job. Ninety percent of them had a son, a brother, or some other close relative in the service. And the very boat they were building might help save his life.

But McNeill Island is no isolated spot where some super salesman has sold the prisoners a bill of goods on patriotism. All over America, state and federal prisons are humming with war activity. They are turning out assault boats, bomb-racks, air-raid sirens, submarine nets, meteorological parachutes, portable barracks, camouflage cloth, artificial limbs and hundreds of other critical war products.

The state prisons alone produced fortyone million dollars worth of food and manufactured goods in 1943 and a total of one hundred million dollars worth since Pearl Harbor. Five hundred thousand acres of prison farm land were under intensive cultivation last year. This year, in answer to the demand for increased food production, fifty thousand additional acres were placed in cultivation.

How was all this accomplished? In



December 1941 the War Production Board organized its Prison Industries Branch with the purpose of mobilizing the prisons of America in the fight against the Axis. It was a task faced with almost insurmountable obstacles. There were stringent state and federal laws against the sale of prison-made goods. Labor, capital and the public at large had helped put through these laws. Labor feared competition from what it called "slave labor." Capital felt that goods made by this "slave labor" would

undersell the market. The public at large was impelled by a very humane motive: to eliminate the abuses of the contract system whereby prisoners were hired out and shamelessly exploited.

Morale in the prison shops was low. Whatever they could make had to be used for the most part by their own or other state institutions. Even here there was some opposition. As a result, these shops were running on practically a skeleton schedule.

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But now the lid had to be pried off. Every resource of the country had to be mobilized in this titanic battle for life. The 179,000 inmates of the penal institutions of America had to be enlisted in this fight. A Presidential order was issued lifting restrictions against prisonmade goods. There was no question now of competition, underselling, or exploitation. Labor unions, industry, the public, knew that if we failed, all of us would become "slave labor."

When the situation was explained to them, inmates in prison after prison responded with a fervor that equalled that of the rest of the country. In Massachusetts, prisoners who had been working twenty-two hours a week voted to work forty-six hours despite the fact that this state is one which does not pay its working prisoners. San Quentin inmates voluntarily lengthened their work day from eight hours to twelve with no pay for overtime. Chino Prison in Los Angeles had to go on a three-shift basis to take care of all the prisoners who clamored for work. And so it went throughout the country.

How these men—and women—pitched in is one of the most engaging stories to come out of this war. Last September the Marine Corps sent an emergency or der for one million tent pegs to Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia. Marine officials indicated to the inmates that the order was urgent. To the tune of "We'll stake the Marines," the job was rushed through in thirty weeks instead of a normal eighty. Since then Pennsylvania prisons have turned out an additional even million of these pegs.

With some misgivings, the Navy awarded a contract for 1,200,000 shirts to Prison Industries. When the first batches began arriving at Brooklyn Navy Yard, tough, exacting Navy inspectors proclaimed them the best work they had yer seen. Prison Industries hopes even-bally to make ten million of these shirts to Uncle Sam's blueiackets.

The immates of the New Jersey, Massadusetts, and Maryland prisons are redaming thirty thousand pairs of shoes month for UNRRA. These shoes will be to valiant Chinese, Jugoslavs, Greeks and other of our Allies who have gone befored since Hitler and Hirohito bestowed upon their countries the "blessas" of the New Order.

We'll make enough rope to hang the his," said the inmates of Michigan's real institutions, producing nearly four milion pounds at a time when rope was a the critical list. At Alcatraz, where herica's toughest Federal prisoners are rept, inmates beat up one of their number for suggesting a slowdown on an himy laundry contract. They were so wensed that they broke all previous words in completing the work.

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At Oahu Prison near Pearl Harbor,

where the inmates had gotten a ringside view of the Axis in operation, their reaction was strong. They volunteered for gruelling work on a prison rubber plantation project and are now producing a thousand pounds of sheet rubber a month— —the only natural rubber grown under the American flag.

More than sixty penal institutions in the United States now fly the War Production Board National Service pennant, which is the equivalent of the Army-Navy "E" flag. Each inmate who participated in the work proudly wears the National Service pin.

But the Prison Industries program is



#### WHEN THEY COME BACK

When they come back
With war's hot breath behind them,
Scarred in spirit,
Questing, wondering, lost—
Ours is the task
To lift their battered spirits,
Nor count the cost.

When they come back
Seeking the worth that's in us,
Let us be ready on that great, glad day
To show them that we too
Have grown in stature
Since they went away.

If we can meet their eagerness,
Their questing,
In search of fineness
That they seek in us,
If we can stand this crucial
Time of testing
And show no dross,

Then will indeed their souls Be lifted. For they have found their people fine And from the gloom of war behind them A star will shine.

E. WESLEY HEVNER



doing more than turning out war goods. It is helping the state prisons to build new men-men who have paid their debt to society and are eager for a chance to start anew. They are getting that chance. Chino Prison has already trained 350 men who upon release have been able to take jobs as welders, metal workers, machinists and the like in California shipyards. California penal institutions have prepared hundreds of capable toolmakers, patternmakers, tinsmiths and pipe-fitters for jobs in West Coast plane factories and other war plants. Other states, too, have undertaken extensive training programs. Michigan and Ohio have gone so far as to take over dismantled NYA plants and use them as training schools for machine-shop practice, auto servicing, radio, aircraft engine maintenance, and other such useful

The prisoners of America have shown

their patriotism in other ways than at work-in some cases enough so to put many of us to shame. One prison with two thousand inmates voluntarily donated more pints of blood to the Red Cross than did the surrounding community of four hundred thousand free citizens. Bob Mickles, a boxer who strayed off the straight and narrow path, has given fifteen pints since Pearl Harbor-a remarkable record when you consider that the Red Cross does not permit donors to contribute more than once every two months. In 1943 approximately fifty thousand pints of blood were donated by American prison inmates. And some of us haven't donated yet!

When the Third War Loan Drive opened, prisoners asked to be allowed to participate. Very hesitantly a quota of \$300,000 was set for the prisons of the country. When the returns were in \$968,000 had been subscribed—on wages of ten or fifteen cents per day in some cases—somewhat more than the ten percent we on the outside are asked to buy.

From the moment of the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor, prisoners have pleaded for a chance to serve in the armed forces. They wanted a chance to redeem themselves in the eyes of their families, their friends, and their communities. Most of all, they wanted to regain their own self-respect. But ever since 1877 the Army had prohibited the admission of men with prison records into its ranks. After much urging by enlightened penologists, among them Warden Lewis E. Lawes, this restriction was lifted. The Army was prevailed upon to go a step further and consider for induction men still in prison.

Experimental Selective Service Boards were set up in many prisons. A warden or some member of his staff acquainted with the men was placed on each board. Sex criminals, murderers, kidnapers, arsonists, drug dealers or addicts, and habitual criminals were immediately eliminated from consideration. Only those prisoners who asked for military services were examined. There was no compulsion of any kind. That was one of the Army stipulations.

In a good many cases, as would be expected of such a group, the rejections for physical reasons ran high. As a result many inmates, fearful of being rejected, asked their wardens to install physical conditioning courses. Day after day, they tugged and sweated through these exercise periods. Their muscles groaned. Their bones creaked. But that did not discourage them. They were in serious training for a fight—the biggest fight of their lives.

The results have been most gratifying to the advocates of this induction program. Warden Lawes estimates that over 100,000 men with prison records are in the Army. The confidence vested in them

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COUNSELING IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF DR. BURKHART'S WORK.



OVER A LUNCHEON TABLE, DR. BURKHART COUNSELS THREE BOYS



SUNDAY EVENING MEETING OF HIGH-SCHOOL SENIORS.





PARISH HOUSE AND AUDITORIUM OF FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH.



NURSERY DEPARTMENT, OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL, IN SESSION.

## By FRANK S. MEAD

ET'S face it. The most important thing about any church anywhere is the stream of human life flowing through it. And if any church anywhere is not getting down into that stream with what it has to teach and influencing it and changing its flowing and making it cleaner and better, then that church just isn't doing its job.

Too many American churches aren't doing their jobs. Too many pews are great open spaces. Too many well-meaning churches are so cluttered up with denominational machinery, and so busy trying to keep it running, that they can't seem to get around to doing the thing they were created to do. And too many American communities are too cluttered up with too many half-effective, competing churches fighting each other for budget money and children in the Sunday school and paying too many preachers far too little to live on. It's about time American Protestantist looked that squarely in the face, for American Protestantism wants to b something better than a relic in tomor row's world, it had better get busy.

Last week I wandered into a con munity of less than 1200 people with s Protestant churches-three of the locked tighter than the town jail s days and nights a week and all of them put together having just as much influence on the life of the community as the Grand Army of the Republic was have CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945 . PAGE 18

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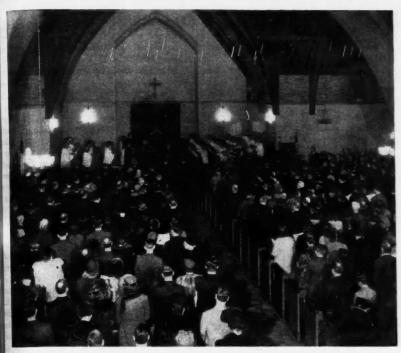
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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE AT FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

ing. The only effective religious organization in town was the Roman Catholic church—one church, and a lively one.

It wasn't good. It wasn't even intelligent. I couldn't help wondering what might have happened in that town if these competing organizations suddenly decided to get together, pool their resources, build one really respectable church and educational plant in place of their half-dozen poor ones, pay one outstanding preacher enough to live on, give him enough paid assistance and begin to gear their program not to an organizational pattern cut out 200 years ago, but to the community needs.

There are such churches. There are such communities. There are towns and villages and sections of great cities in this country which have never known the divisiveness of Protestantism; there are communities which have never known but one church-one strong enough and intelligent and broad-visioned enough to set up a program in which ultra-ultra conservative Baptists and ultra-ultra liberal Unitarians and Roman Catholics and Jews work together like so many blood brothers. There are some 3000 community and federated churches, from Maine to California; they are the nucleus of a movement that is gathering headway fast and that have become one of the major religious developments of our day. They offer at least one intelligent answer to the embarrassing question, "Why can't you Protestants get together?" They do get together, and when they do. . . !

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Exhibit A in urban community churches is First Community Church of Columbus, Ohio. Four miles from the state capitol and three from Ohio State University, it lies in what is called the Tri-Villages, which includes Upper Arlington with 6,000 people, Marble Cliff with 1,000 and Grandview with 8,000-a total of 15,000 people. There are three other Protestant churches in the area (Lutheran, Methodist and Presbyterian) and they have a gentleman's agreement not to steal each other's sheep. When Dr. Roy Burkhart, pastor at First Community, is visited by a newcomer living nearer the Presbyterian Church than his own, he suggests diplomatically that the stranger try the church nearest his home,

Dr. Burkhart is like that. A Mennonite, then a United Brethren, now a Congregationalist, he gained the broader outlook and the scientific approach in his graduate days at the University of Chicago and during his experience as a worker on the staff of the International Council of Religious Education. He works on the theory that "there is a great person inside you if you will only give him a chance." He preached last Sunday on "You Were Meant to Climb." He believes that great potential personality can be roused in child and man, not by a haphazard, high-powered emotional approach but by a religious education that starts with the child and continues through the adult. He doesn't see any reason why the education should stop when the new church member has signed on the dotted line and taken his year's

supply of "envelopes" to help out with the budget.

He sees that great person in every man, regardless of what church he grew up in-and if he grew up in no church at all. That sort of thinking has brought to his church a membership of 3,190 in which he finds represented twenty-seven different Protestant denominations, some Jews, a Japanese; in the last ten years he has taken in sixty-five Roman Catholics. His congregation turns out in such numbers that he is forced to hold not one service but three, every Sunday morning; Communion at 9:00, preaching services at 9:30 and 10:45. They worship together as though they had always worshiped together.

They get along because they know exactly what they want. Dr. Burkhart puts it this way: "Unless the life that is God becomes life eternal in a person as revealed in Christ and the love that is God as revealed in Christ becomes manifest in all the relations of our lives, then all we try to do fails." That is what they want-a faith for now. And he goes on

to explain:

"Just the other day I got to talking with one of our boys home on furlough, about the motion picture, 'Going My Way.' We both got a kick out of the scene in which Bing Crosby rounds up a gang of street urchins and gets them singing in the basement of his church. But the boy remarked, 'It was a good picture, but it flopped, because it didn't go far enough. It ended in a church basement, with a crowd of kids detoured from crime, and with the paying off of a church mortgage.' I think the boy had a real point. We need play, group activity of all sorts, we need fellowship that calls the best out of each and that sustains each in his search for the best and for the will of God. But unless the life that is God becomes life eternal in the person, then all falls short and the real job fails. In other words, I said to him that the purpose of the church is to help persons find the way and the truth by which they find the life. His comment was interesting, 'I've been in our church for some years and I've never seen it that clearly. You better preach a sermon on it!' And I did, that Sunday. Our whole program is geared to that.'

"Geared" is the word for it. The organizational machinery of First Community Church runs as smoothly as a Deisel engine. Teamed with Dr. Burkhart in the running of it is Richard Norberg, from Yale Divinity School, and possessed of the same community approach as the pastor. A part of an enthusiastic staff, they have produced a church and a church school that have few equals, anywhere. This church school should be visited by those preachers and teachers who are shedding crocodile tears over "the passing of the Sunday

School."

This one isn't passing. It is so popular that four departments (Beginners, Nursery, Primary and Junior) meet in two sections, at 9:30 and 10:45. The leaders of the departments are paid; the teachers are not paid, but they will be, some day, for in this church there is the feeling that it is as logical to pay teachers as it is to pay preachers. Since they started paying their departmental leaders, there has been a 20 percent increase in attendance and a 90 percent increase in enthusiasm. The leaders take their different, or unconventional? Do you daydream frequently? Can you stand criticism without feeling hurt? Do you blush often? Are you slow in making decisions? Do you make friends easily? Do you avoid asking advice? Does discipline make you discontented?" And so on, to question 125. When the answers are all in, a graph is made, picturing the emotional, social, moral and religious condition of the child. If there is a doubtful result, there is an interview, immediately, with the pastor. Tests are

Author, "Pocket Bible "Handbook"

from the church who have gone into war service, not one has cracked up mentally emotionally or spiritually. The proof the pudding is in the eating.

By the time the youngster is ready join the church, he has a foundation solid and intelligent that he is ready make a solid and intelligent contribution He's had a lot of education, and h learns now that the education is to on. (This church believes joining the church is not enough; that even conversion isn't enough. It thinks of faith not as something identified with a name of the church membership rolls, but as growing thing.) So the boy starts grow. ing into a man.

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The membership prospect starts h adult education with a Sunday evening appearance before the officials of the church. This is a friendly, information three-hour session in which they a things straight. It is no inquisition; the officials simply want to know what the prospective member wants of the church and they want him to know what the church expects of him. They go over the Church Creed. It is a creed as broad and deep and inclusive as the teachings Jesus Christ; Baptists and Universalist and former Roman Catholics can repeat it and subscribe to it with all their hearts. It reads:

I believe in the Living God, the Fo ther of all mankind. I believe in Jen Christ as He is revealed to me in the Scriptures, the Lord and Saviour of my life and of the world. I accept at the guiding principles of my life and condu the teachings of Jesus, who, when asked "What is the greatest commandment! replied, "Thou shalt love the Lord the God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. And the second is this: Thou shalt love thy neigh bor as thyself."

This is followed by a series of personal conferences with the pastor, who turn the new Communityite over to one the church's study groups. These group meet once a week, and every newcom is invited to attend. The women have group of their own on Wednesdays; then are four men's groups using E. Stanley Jones' "Abundant Living" as a textbook There are groups for young married couples and groups for the young unmar ried. They meet in private homes an they never get enough of it; it goes of and on, year after year. There is also Wednesday night meeting open to that provides a real fellowship of learn

A long-time member takes a your member under his wing for six month after steering him gradually toward to job he wants to do. Some find the niche in the Men's Brotherhood; som go on the Parish Committee, or t (Continued on page 70)

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NE ought systematically to read the whole Bible through with reasonable frequency. It is all one story, a literary structure of profound and marvelous unity. Every part of it is essential. In order to have a proper understanding of God, we need to be familiar with His whole message. That it may have opportunity to do its blessed work on our lives, we need to keep it fresh in our minds.

Some parts of the Bible touch our lives more directly and more intimately than other parts, and should be read more often. In the Old Testament God's revelation of Himself is only partial. In the New Testament it is complete. Certainly we should read New Testament books more often than we read Old Testament books. In the Old Testament the Psalms assuredly . (Continued on page 86)

coats off; they ask for more responsibility not less; they follow up their absentees; they have continuous study courses and reading assignments, and they get there on time-which is something, in these days.

The job they do on Sunday mornings is a good Bible-based job; the "teaching end" is well handled. So is the job they do beyond the teaching. When a youngster reaches the ninth grade (freshman high-school age) and begins to share in the youth program, he is asked to fill out a series of 125 questions on a "personality" chart (developed by Stanford University). The questions, to which he answers a simple yes or no, run like this: "Does it make you uncomfortable to be taken for four successive years-which means that the teachers in the church school and youth leaders know exactly where every child is, where he stands in point of development, every minute of the four most crucial years of his life. The child knows, too. You can travel around the neighborhood and find that the youngsters have framed the graphs and hung them on the walls of their rooms.

Some critics have looked it over and said, "But it isn't Sunday-school work." By the old pattern, it isn't. But the old pattern wasn't quite perfect, judging from its results. It just didn't produce what it was supposed to produce-and this pattern does. Out of the 600 men By

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Y FIRST memories of Father are of someone with the silver already showing in his hair. Since I was the youngest of his nine children, naturally I knew him only as an older man. Yet, whenever I think of his hymns and of his deep religious life, a strange thing happens to me. The picture of the older man vanishes and I see my father as a little boy eight years old. It is almost like a vision with me, because at eight years, my father had already entered upon his life-work in music and upon his religious life as well.

At that early age, he was, as the Methodists put it, converted. And from that moment until his death nearly seventy years later, I don't think he ever knew a doubt. At eight, too, he was chosen to lead the singing in the little church in Baltimore which his family attended. Those were the days when few small churches had choirs. Someone like a precentor stood up before the congregation and led the singing. There wasn't even an organ in this little church. So, because of all the congregation this little fellow "sang truest," he was chosen to act as precentor.

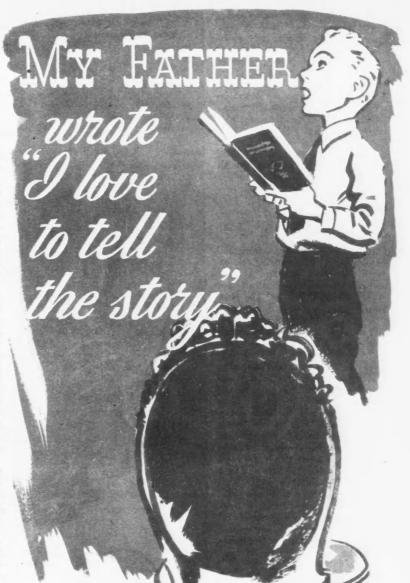
He had to climb up on a chair to bring him high enough so that the people could see him—and his unusually sweet voice with its unusual carrying power, rang through the church every Sunday at both services and at Sunday school, too.

services and at Sunday school, too.

It was then that he laid the foundations for all the hymn writing he did throughout his life, and for all the leading of great religious and revival choruses which he carried on for many years. That little boy of eight, who looked upon going to church as a most lovely thing to do, never missed a service, no matter what the weather. Not that he was any angel—he was just a healthy, normal little boy who liked to play rough and tumble games with all the rest of them. And at eight, he began to help with family finances. His father was a ne'erdo-well, and it was upon his mother that

the burden of support for the six children really fell. Little Will began to run erands and to do little jobs for such pennies as he could earn. At the advanced age of twelve, he had the entire support of his mother and his three sisters.

At first his mother taught him the hymns he was to lead in church, and he memorized them all by ear. But he wanted to learn more hymns for himself PAGE 21 • CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945



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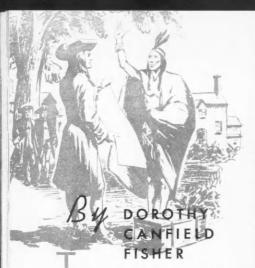
and for the congregation, so he learned to read music. Then he began making up little tunes to fit sacred words he found, singing them always to his mother. They were an intensely religious family and the mother—my grandmother—was the foundation of it all.

Music dominated every part of his life. For ten years, beginning when he was twenty-three, he taught music at Girard College, in Philadelphia, leaving that institution only because he had decided to go into the piano business. Even his business had to be music, you see. And when he later took a partner in his business, it was a man who was also deeply religious; a man who was also a writer of hymns.

While he was building up his business, he continued to teach music—pupils came to him at any hour he could squeeze them in. As early as six o'clock in the morning, and after business hours until late at night. Yet in all that busy, crowded period of his life, he somehow found time to give to church work, but that work began to change. From leading the music in a single church, he began leading the music of massed voices. And he was writing hymn after hymn, whenever the inspiration came.

Father and I were always very close. After my mother's death we got into the habit of going everywhere together. It was one of my great thrills that so often when we attended services here and there in churches of every denomination, Father would be recognized in the audience and called to the platform to lead

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HERE have been many inspiring and delightful aspects of my writing connection with Christian Herald. And for me, no unsatisfactory aspects at all-not one! Quite a record, isn't it? The HER-ALD editors have heartened me, continually, by their creative interest in a wide range of subjects. Especially in their admiration, which I wholeheartedly share, for the Society of Friends. Their editorial welcome to pen-portraits of Quaker saints and great ladies like John Woolman and Lucretia Mott, has given me the deepest satisfaction.

So, my entering into the later sixties makes it wise (the doctors say "needful") for me to reduce my desk-work, and hence stop being a regular monthly contributor to CHRISTIAN HERALD. hope, however, to find time now and then for special articles for these pages.

I think William Penn a suitable subject for my last regular article. A comment on the founder of the Society of Friends in the New World, is particularly timely, too, for 1944 was just 300 years after his birth.

THE great state which bears his name has been celebrating this anniversary with a devotion to the Father of the Commonwealth which does credit both to their hearts and heads. They show that they appreciate their especial good fortune in having as founder and cornerstone of their state, the one leader of 17th Century American life who is to this day, with Roger Williams of Rhode Island, a living influence on our 20th Century life. Both Penn and Roger Williams were so far ahead of their times that we are, morally, just catching up with them.

There were fine men among the founders of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Virginia — upright, courageous brainy men. But their attitude towards human life has become as antiquated, as out of harmony with their descendants as the 17th Century clothes they wore. Cotton Mather was an intelligent, virtuous man, with a powerful character. From time to time a scholar writes a learned

book about him, showing that he had an able mind, a considerable gift for oratory, enormous spiritual zeal, and reminding us of the tremendous moral influence he exerted over the people of his time. But could you, I wonder, still find one single person in Cotton Mather's nation, willing to order his life according to the fierce, rigid ideas of the Massachusetts clergyman?

Roger Williams and William Penn wore those same 17th Century clothes, but in their hearts burned a passion of human brotherhood, for loving-kindness among all the sons and daughters of humanity, which seems to us moderns more and more worth trying to live up to. Every year more and more Americans, whether or not they realize their debt to William ide

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Penn and Roger Winnams, cry their best to order their lives according to the lofty ideals of those two spiritual pioneers. Their political and religious ideas live and grow great in the hearts of people

of today.

This, in spite of a pretty general ignorance about them, personally. What would you, reader of these lines, find in your mind about William Penn, if you were asked by-well, say, by somebody from Chile or Venezuela, who Penn was and what he did? Perhaps if you are honest with yourself you'd find only these few facts: that he founded Pennsylvania, that he wore a broad-brimmed hat and a plain, long-skirted grey coat with big pockets, that he was a Quaker, that he "handled" the problem of relations with the Indians more successfully than any other (except Roger Williams) of the white men who settled our continent in the Seventeenth Century and that he was "good." Some of this scanty information may be a residue from school textbooks. It is more likely that it comes from that most permanent of educational procedures-the visual impression left by a familiar picture. For the big painting by Benjamin West showing William Penn benevolent and mild, calm in the assurance of the purity of his own intentions, making a treaty with stalwart Indian chiefs, hangs somewhere on some schoolroom wall, or looks out from some history textbook. I'm sorry for those who do not take along this visual memory into their maturity.

Suppose that, somewhat abashed by not having anything more definite to tell the hypothetical questioner from Chile, you did a little reading about William Penn. This is what you would find: that he came from a well-to-do family of a social

position not to be questioned even by British caste standards, for his father was an Admiral in the British navy, and in the second Dutch war was Great Captain Commander of the entire fleet. Almost as important for his social standing as his rank as admiral, he had his portrait painted by Lely. And as final proof of his professional standing, Admiral Penn was one of the authors of the first code of tactics provided for the English navy, which was used for many long years after his death.

It was the only son and heir of this successful, wealthy man of high rank in British society and in his profession, who was our American William Penn. Some historian has acidly and tersely remarked, apropos of the claims of Virginia people to be descended from ancestors of high social rank in England, "Dukes never emigrate." But in this one case the son of the Grand Captain General of the PAGE 23 • CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945

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British navy, did. Picturesquely enough, the only wealthy son of a man of high social position and important official rank who did "emigrate" was William Penn, who cared not a whit about either money or social prestige.

He was a good-looking, well-grown young gentleman, son of a gentleman, when he was sent to Oxford, along with other young gentlemen, to be a student at Christ Church. This was in 1660, when the Anglican Church, restored to its old power, after its eclipses under Cromwell, was hurrying to make the moral atmosphere of Oxford once more as Church of England as possible by rigid rules and regulations. The handsome young gentleman was already intuitively aware that

But somehow or other, before very long, William Penn found himself somewhere else in France, going to college again. It was at the serious, earnestly Protestant college of Saumur that Calvinism of the most liberal variety was taught. There he was well grounded in acquaintance with the literature of religion, the history of the Church, the writings of Church Fathers, the dogmas of theology. This knowledge served him well in his own many later writings about—not theology, not dogma, not religious history,—but about the righteous conduct of human life.

SANDY, THE PUP

Four pairs of arms have held him tight And carried him to bed at night, Where he has snuggled down to rest Held close against some loving breast. Four rosebud lips have told him all The secrets dear to hearts so small, And faithfully he's shared the tears And gleeful joys of children's years.

But some day when wee folks have grown And dear old Sandy's left alone, I think he'll sit in Grandma's chair And in the dusklight, nodding there, He'll still be waiting, listening for Small feet to patter through the door; And dream of cuddly arms, wee beds, And four, dear blue-eyed sleepyheads.

IDA TYSON WAGNER

his life-work was to be protector of the freedom of the inner life of the soul. He resisted those strict rules and regulations, which attempted by outer authority to govern men's relations to God. He was expelled from college.

But for the son of a moneyed man of high official standing, this was no catastrophe. His father sent him to France, to learn polished manners, how to wear fine clothes, how to speak French, and whatever else could be learned at the world's most glittering court, that of Louis XIV of France. The young gentleman with his fine wardrobe of costly costumes, with his fancy, gold-inlaid court armor, with his long curls hanging to his shoulders, was a natural, normal young fellow. He found-who in his age and his position would not?-a great deal that was fascinating to him in that brilliant circle, many members of which were among the brainiest and most gifted men of their times, as well as the most aristocratic.

In 1664, AT TWENTY, he came back to England, speaking excellent French, with

elegant French clothes and polished French manners. Also (this his father had not realized he would find in France) deeply convinced of the truth and vitality of the then strange doctrine of the perfect freedom of conscience. His father, then at the height of his professional career-Great Captain Commander -apparently thought some more court life might dilute the gravity of his only son's spiritual life, and sent him to Ormonde's court in Ireland, and to administer a valuable estate of the Penn family in Cork. It was from this second experience of the pleasant delights of court life, from the easy soft life of a man of property and position, that William Penn at the age of twenty-three, in 1667. turned away wholly from worldly and materialistic existence, openly became (at great danger to his life) a member of the Society of Friends, and was sent to jail-as were many of the early Quakers.

In 1670 Admiral Penn died, leaving his only son who had in the three years since he had become a Quaker been in and out of prison be-

cause of his religion, a large yearly income, and a claim for a big sum of money, enormous for those times, loaned by the Admiral to King Charles II.

Here was an acid test of character if there ever was one. One of the glories of our human race is the way in which the young English gentleman resisted the temptation to ease himself out of a way of life, uncertain, tormenting, wearing, socially unacceptable, and genuinely dangerous to his very life. How natural it would have been for a man, flushed still with all the physical exuberance of vitality, to gratify his perfectly normal, harmless human desires for comfort, ease, approval of his fellows, with the money and social position his father had left him. A vigorous healthy young man, having had in late adolescence and early manhood the "experience of religion" which-so realistic physiologists tell usis almost as biological a part of the man

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BILL CROSBY



CLAUDE GILLINGHURST



MR. WALKER



VIVIAN DUNBAR



AD I spent the night sleeping sensibly instead of crying my silly eyes out, I wouldn't have been up in time to read that item in the Weekly Bell the minute after Johnny Smithers thumped the

paper up against the screendoor of my house. And if I hadn't been the first woman in Essex to see the notice, someone of the long-established landladies of our town would have grabbed off the Candlebeam Singers ahead of me.

I certainly wish someone else had landed them. It would have saved me a peck of trouble. But at the time, that notice in the Bell seemed a direct answer to prayer. For all night long I'd been sniffling and saying aloud in the dark old empty house, "What shall I do? Oh, what shall I do now?"

Nice goings-on, you'll say, for a respectable, middle-aged spinster with a good solid roof over her head and no one but herself to support. But it was the shock of losing my one means of livelihood that made me act so foolish. I had heard only that evening that the county board had definitely decided to close the little red brick schoolhouse where I had

taught for the last twenty-five years.

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I was a laughing, red-cheeked girl of nineteen when I started out there, proud that the money I earned that term would support my mother and me until Bill Peters came back from France to marry me. But Bill never came back . . . he died of the flu that winter in a French hospital. And I had gone right on teaching in the little district school a mile and a half outside town. Taking care of Mother cheerfully and gladly as long as she lived and after she was gone, seeing myself turn into a set, opinionated old maid. I had fallen into a rut, and it wasn't a bad one. I had my school and the salary supplied all my needs-including taxes on the old white elephant of a house which was all poor mother had to leave me. And my summer vacations were spent, usually, in traveling.

But this second war changed all that. Whole families—more and more of them—deserted their farms to take up war work, and this coming fall would see the red brick schoolhouse closed; the few remaining children of grade-school age would travel by bus each day to the larger village school in Willsboro.

They cried, too, some of them. But CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945 • PAGE 24



MISS BARTON

they were thrilled, I could see, at the prospect of getting to town every day. I didn't blame the children . . . I just didn't know what there possibly could be left for me to do.

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The Bell answered that question. It's a small local paper published every Saturday. And, as a rule, it contains nothing more excit-

ing than three-line ads and a column of extremely personal "Personals" concerning neighborhood residents.

But not this morning. For there on the first page, beside the story of the train wreck which had set our partylines to buzzing two nights before, was the item destined to make this particular summer the most memorable of my life.

It was only a short notice, but it was set in bold black type, so you couldn't miss seeing it. And when I read it, I said to myself, "Abby Barton, here's

something you can do! You go after those singers, and get 'em!"

"Wanted:" it read, "Quiet homelike accommodations within walking distance of the town of Essex for six members of the Candlebeam Singers, a concert group opening in the Essex Community House next week. Kindly get in touch with J. Earle Walker, Director, at the Hotel Essex. Liberal payment will be made for suitable quarters."

There it was . . . the answer to that despairing question I had sobbed out in the dark. And here I was, still standing on my front porch in my shabby blue dressing gown, with my hair in curlers! What made me realize all of a sudden that I was still mooning there in a getup like the last of peatime, was a loud, shrill, sort of double-jointed whistle, and it came from the lakeshore road. I looked up with a start and saw a jeep-load of soldiers driving north towards Plattsburg, all grinning at me. One of themthe same that had whistled, I guesswaved and called out, "Hivah, Toots!" and I turned and nipped into the house so fast that I dropped my right-foot slipper onto the porch steps.

I never got that slipper back, either, for Hannibal, the great, lumbering Newfoundland puppy that belongs to the folks next door, came cavorting around the corner of my house, grabbed the slipper in his mouth and made off with it. I heard Prilly Longfellow—she's their daughter, and pretty as a picture—shouting at the pup and chasing after him, but I knew that anything she could

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## By HARRY G. SANDSTROM

E WAS a Swede and a big onesix-feet-four if he was an inch, and nearly as broad. Pushing his way through the crowd of human wrecks on the Bowery sidewalk, his massive head and tremendous shoulders loomed up like the prow of a ship coming out of a fog: he had hands like battering rams, and every man on The Street knew he could use them, and stayed out of his way. He was Nils Swenson, drunk and dirty and dangerous, ashamed of the fact that in one wild night he'd blasted his life and deserted his family and he was doing his best to hide the shame of that behind the scowl of a down-and-out prize-fighter-which he wasn't.

He bullied his way through the door of Bowery Mission, shoved the little fellows out of his way and helped himself to the best seat in the house. Thirty minutes later he dropped his massive blond head on his arms and wept like a baby; his whole body shook with his sobs and he was as completely crushed as though a steamroller had gone over him. Not so tough, after all, was the big Swede. But there's a long story behind that sudden weeping. Nils Swenson told me the story the other day; he began by saying that what really happened that night was that somebody slipped a key into his hand while he sat there—the key to the Kingdom of God. . . . Said Swenson:

I was no habitual, life-long drunk. It all happened in a hurry—like the bursting of a bombshell. You see, I was a successful contractor, with a good business. I had just finished a job over in New Jersey, remodelling a rich broker's home; he paid me off in cash, to the tune of more than four hundred dollars. I had lost a fine micrometer on that job, and micrometers are all but impossible to get, these war-days; there is a priority on them, so you just waste your time, shopping around for them in the big shops. But the pawnshops have them, occasionally, and there are good pawnshops on the Bowery. Some of the old-timers down there still call it Pawnshop Row. You can find anything in "Uncle Joe's," from a pin to a bicycle. So, with my four hundred cash, I went down to the Bowery the day I hit New York, and looked around.

I found a fine micrometer, almost new, at one shop, and I bought it. I was just about to leave when the door opened and a man entered, shouting:

"Nils! You old rascal, you."
"Sven! Where in the world . . . ?



#### A KEY IN HIS HAND



It was Sven Larson; I'd gone to school with him. We had come over from the old country together, and we landed our first jobs together; we even roomed together for a few years. We were carpenters then; Sven was a restless carpenter, for he had studied mine engineering in Stockholm, and he felt he could make bigger money at that than he could driving nails, so it wasn't long before he pulled out and went West. I heard from him off and on for a few years; the last time I heard, he was opening a new mine in the famous Mesabi range in Minnesota.

We leaned over a counter towards the front of the shop and he told me he had flown east the day before to try to buy some surveying instruments, and like myself, he had found the Bowery pawnshops the likeliest place for these high-priority articles. It had been a hurry call; he had had no opportunity to write me about his coming. When he met me—an amazing coincidence and an unfortunate one for me—he had found his instruments and he was on his way to 'phone me.

"Well Nils, this calls for a drink!" (Sven didn't drink before he went west;

sat through the service in the chapel, but I was in too much a daze to know what was going on, or to hear anything that we being said or sung."



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he must have acquired the habit in the rough mining camps out there.)

"I suppose it does," I said reluctant, "but not here, Sven—let's go home. Me wife is waiting for me: I want you meet her and my children and see to home."

"All in due time, Nils-but first drink."

And argue as I would, I couldn't gover to come home with me. I kno Jenny and the youngsters were waitin for me—but this was my old chum Sver and it was wonderful seeing his again...

I'm hazy as to the exact sequence events that evening. But egged on be Sven, who had developed into quite drinker since the old days, I had mot than the one drink I had made Svent be we would limit ourselves to Then we began exchanging reminiscence of school days in Sweden. More drink We had dinner. I called Jenny, told he about meeting Sven, and that we would be home on the next train.

That meant "just one more drink" to Sven. We had it. And another. We led that bar. As we passed the very not one, Sven insisted on "just one morenightcap."

We had that one and another ... another ... a

I WOKE UP with a start and looked around me—where was I? The room was small—incredibly small—there was just the bed and a chair. No window There weren't even walls, merely partitions—this was a small segment of larger room. Everything was unpainted and dirty. I looked down at myself: lay on a narrow rusty iron bed fully clothed, even to my shoes. What ... where . . . when . . .?

Then it all came over me in a horible, sickening flash. Sven . . . Bower bars . . . liquor . . . more liquor . . And somehow I had landed in a flop house.

My money! The four hundred dollars I collected yesterday—or was it yesterday? How many days had I bed (Continued on page 73)

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LOULA GRACE ERDMAN

LAIN as day Chloe could see them, twirling their gay parasols-dozens of fine ladies, advancing, retreating, curtseving. Behind them the soft green of big trees, before them only shimmering waves of heat. She sucked in her lower lip quickly.

Of course, she knew it was nothing but a mirage, and when people saw them, they had better get busy, pretty quick. If they didn't, they did queer things. If one moved, the mirage lost its spell. She guessed she'd better get busy-she could

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She went into the dugout, reached for her bucket, grimacing at the fine film of dust that lay over everything. Only this morning she had dusted the furniture and scrubbed the floor clean, and now they were all gray with dust again. That was the way it was in this country of wind and wide open spaces. They had warned her in Galveston before she came out here with Bert Furness, and it was all just as they had said it would be.

They might as well have spared their warnings, for only Bert's words had meaning then. Bert-tall, and shy and lean, slow of speech and action, skin burned by wind and sun, eyes trained to look great distances. There were no men like him in Galveston; there were no men like him in all the world she thought. She listened only to what he had to say about this country he loved, and married him, and came out here to live.

She went to the barrel of water at the back of the dugout where she had saved the precious water left from the washing. She dipped it out carefully, carried some to each tree. The leaves were curled like cocoons under the heat, showing the greenish-white underside, so oddly like the skin of the young circuit nder who had brought the trees to her last spring. It was too bad he had been able to stay in the country for only one "preaching." People had come miles to hear him, dropping in from vast stillnesses to join in the service, melting back into the same distances when it was over. Chloe knew she'd never forget the singing, out there on the prairie. As the sun was dipping behind the far distant horiin a hor un, lavender and mauve shadows crept . Bower slowly across the landscape—the prairie was in a quiet mood. Almost Chloe could in a flop understand Bert's love for it when it ndred do

The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flower . . . the people sang.

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Illustrator M. E. MOORE

It was at the end of these lines that the young minister crumpled to the ground. He was very sick. They put him to bed in the bunk Bert had made at the side of the dugout. He staved there four weeks, and Chloe nursed him. There was little she could do-bathe him when the fever was high, administer quinine for the chills which racked his slender frame. When the supply of the drug ran low, the cowboys rode to old Tascosa in relays to replenish it-eighty miles-and called it nothing at all.

All during his illness, his great concern after his worry over not being able to carry out his mission-was for the trees he had brought with him, thinking to set them out in a permanent home of his own, here in the new country. When he was finally well enough to go back home, he left the trees-and his blessing-with Chloe.

"You may keep them," he said. "There's nothing else I have to give you, and you have been more than kind."

Chloe nursed the trees with a passionate devotion. They were a touch of home. They were like her-grudgingly taking root in a strange, forbidding

Bert could not understand why she did not like this country, why she could not see its promise. It was his very heart and soul. But Sarah Riley could understand, although she herself loved it, almost as much as Bert did.

Sarah was Chloe's nearest neighborfifteen miles away, living in a dugout not half so nice as Chloe's. Sarah was full of bright enthusiasm for Chloe's place, particularly the furniture Bert had shipped in from Dodge City. Real tables, and a chair or two.

"And real glass windows," Sarah gloated. "I'll bet you are that proud of them!

Proud of glass windows! Imagine that. In Galveston even the poorest people had them!

She felt, suddenly, very lonesome for Sarah who hadn't been over in several weeks. Sarah had no business on a horse, now that the baby was coming. Probably by this time, Hank had taken her into town, as he had promised.

"My wife's going to have that baby in town, with a real doctor," he had said

But Hank's excellent intentions were not to be carried out. The next morning the cowboy, Slats, came riding over to Chloe's place, leading Sarah Riley's little horse behind him.

"Miz Riley's been took bad," he told

Chloe, "One of the boys rode for Doc, and I came for you, thinking she'd need a woman—"

"Is it—is it the baby?" she asked.

"Yes'm," he told her diffidently. She was a-planning to go to town, but it's a little early. And we thought she might like a woman," he repeated patiently.

"I'll get my things," she told him. "And leave a note for Bert."

They rode across the prairie together, she and the cowboy named Slats. He rolled a cigarette deftly, crushed the match and put it into his pocket.

"Gotta watch for prairie fires," he told her, catching her curious glance at him. "What would you do if one started?"

she asked.

"We'd fight it. Women and kids, as well as men. Like that Miz Frisbee over at Ox Bend done. She was a lone woman, with two little tykes, four, five years old, and a fire headed straight for her house. She got a piece of rope and tied them kids to her so they couldn't get away from her and run into the path of

the fire. She made a backfire, and she jest kept a-traveling, following her own backfire, until she got to safety."

"That's wonderful!" Chloe cried.

"Well," he said slowly. "I hadn't ever thought of that. She just kept her head, and done what she could, like anybody else would 'a done. Maybe she was a right brave person, though."

They rode on quietly after that, and presently they topped the rise of a swell in the prairie and saw the little dugout of the Rileys. A dappled horse stood out in front.

"That's Doc's," Slats said. "I think we'd better hurry, Ma'am, if you don't mind!"

Chloe talked with Bert about it later, sitting in her own dugout, her face tired and white and rebellious.

"You can't make me think that baby would have died if the doctor had been there when it happened. You can't tell me that, even if Sarah does pretend to believe it. She does that to make Hank feel better. It would have lived, in a civilized country, where doctors as close."

"Maybe not-" Bert tried to comfort her.

"It was almost as if the poor little thing were murdered," Chloe went on tonelessly. "People have got no right to live so far from doctors, and things that make life safe and comfortable. They have no right to take others away, either."

"Don't worry, honey," Bert begged "We're both well. If anything went wrong, we'd get you to town. Or the cowboys would. I promise. See, how they stood by the Rileys."

"Sure, they stood by. But that didn't keep the little baby from dying. The best they could do was to make a little box for it, and dig the little grave, and then make wreaths of juniper, and dried grasses. There weren't even any decent flowers. Listen, Bert." she faced him squarely, "I can't stand a country where

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"I started this job," she told him, "-and I'm staying-until this fire is out-"



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FATHER CHISHOLM (GREGORY PECK) BECOMES FRIENDLY WITH DR. FISKE, METHODIST MISSIONARY.

## "The Keys of the Kingdom"

Reviewed by Motion Picture Council of Protestant Women

HIS picturization, by Twentieth Century-Fox, of A. J. Cronin's best-selling novel, is one of the year's great pictures. It is the story of the life of Father Francis Chisholm, a humble priest of the Roman Catholic Church. He begins life in a fisherman's cottage in Tweedside, Scotland; his mother is a Protestant and his father a Roman Catholic. In spite of poverty, the boy feels a sense of security because of the love his parents have for each other and for him. When he is nine years old, tragedy enters his life; he sees

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THE AGING MISSIONARY READS HIS JOURNAL.



RODDY McDOWALL PLAYS CHISHOLM AS A BOY.

his mother and father drown, and he never forgets the horror of that night. Now he goes to live with relatives and his life is hard and cruel. He manages to attend Holywell College; here he faces a conflict between love for a girl and the priesthood. This problem is solved and he becomes an unorthodox, but sympathetic and understanding, priest with an abundance of good common sense. His ministry is depicted mainly as a missionary in China; he ends his days in the small parish of his child-page 29 • CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945

hood, caring for the grandson of his childhood sweetheart.

Gregory Peck gives a brilliant portrayal of Father Chisholm. Others in the cast who shine in their roles are Thomas Mitchell, Vincent Price, Rose Stradner, who does particularly well in the part of a sardonic nun, and young Roddy McDowall, who plays Chisholm as a child. There are twenty leading Chinese characters played by Orientals. These roles are splendidly handled. Six hundred and fifty Chinese extras are used.

In the film, the contrast between professional ecclesiasticism and practical religion is well portrayed; so is the consistent character-development of the priests, nuns and Chinese Christians. The fraternizing of the priest and the Protestant missionary is convincing. The feeling of brotherhood for the Chinese is strong. It is suitable for the entire family.

## Current Films

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Audience Suitability: A—Adults; YP—Young people; F—Family.



THE FIGHTING LADY. Narrator, Lt. Robert Taylor. (20th Century-Fox) This United States Navy's documentary film is the story of an aircraft carrier's adventures in the Pacific. It is life aboard the carrier and in the planes that battled for Marcus, Truk, the Marianas. Many of the planes practically fall apart when they hit the deck, they are so riddled. Yet even such badly damaged planes are restored by mechanics of the Navy's Air Force. Pilots are shown in their daily activities.

NATIONAL VELVET. (In Technicolor) Mickey Rooney, Elizabeth Taylor, Donald Crisp, Anne Revere. (MGM) The story of a family in Sussex, England. The mother once swam the English Channel. The daughter wins a racing horse in a raffle and when she can't find anyone to ride him in the race, she disguises herself as a jockey and runs the horse in the Grand National Steeplechase. The race sequence lasts for nine minutes and is spectacular and exciting. If you like a boy and a girl and a horse, and have no objection to horse racing on the screen, you should like this film. The story is a sentimental one that appeals directly to the heart.

MUSIC FOR MILLIONS. Margaret O'Brien, Jose Iturbi, Jimmy Durante, June Allyson. (MGM) If the millions are to enjoy music, they must have a combination of classical and swing, or so we are led to believe in this film. Jose Iturbi conducts and plays the music of Dvorak, Grieg, Herbert, Debussy, Tschaikovsky, Liszt, Handel, Chopin as well as tunes from Tin Pan Alley. There is a rather good story plot to hold the whole picture together. Little Margaret O'Brien is a genius. She travels with her sister who plays in Iturbi's orchestra. The sister thinks that her husband has been killed in the South Pacific. She is going to have a baby and there are many tears for the husband from whom she doesn't hear. Our only criticism is that the story is too heavily sentimental at times. Jimmy Durante appears as the manager for Iturbi and adds much to the picture. Iturbi plays the piano solo of Debussy's "Claire de Lune" in a superb manner. The story ends with the orchestra and a chorus giving the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah."

CAN'T HELP SINGING. Deanna Durbin, Robert Paige, Akim Tamiroff, David Bruce. (Universal) Deanna Durbin in her first Technicolor musical is a lovely, joyous, melodious person. She puts (Continued on page 83)



#### LIVING ROYALLY

So FAR in this war we have had few parades. Our sons and daughters have slipped quietly away to their posts of distant service. We have had the grimness without the glamor of war.

But when this war is over, what parades we shall have! In our imagination we can picture the long lines of marching men and women, welcomed back to our cities by the plaudits of a grateful public. In comparison with the throngs we shall see, the pageantry of the first Palm Sunday and the crowds of the first fateful Friday on Calvary seem pitifully small. What we call Our Lord's

Triumphal Entry involved only a few hundred persons straggling along beside a lone figure seated on an ass. And yet the hoofbeats of that lowly beast have shaken the world more than the marching legions of Rome, more than the conquering armies of Napoleon, more than the rumbling tanks of World War I or the giant bombers of the present global conflict.

Why is it that the Christ who entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and was crucified on Good Friday has outlived all other rulers? What is the secret of His enduring appeal? The answer to that question could not be found by asking the crowd that marched beside Him on that last week. They did not fully comprehend the event. They thought that Jesus was going to deliver them from the

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Let us turn then to a book written some two generations after the events of Holy Week. It takes about two generations before an unbiased authentic history of any event can be written. And certainly the writer of Revelation was far removed from the excitement of those last days in Jerusalem. He was a refugee, exiled to the island of Patmos for his faith. There on that island this lonely CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945 • PAGE 30

## By RALPH W. SOCKMAN

refugee, John, looked out upon a world like ours, ruled by dictators. These Roman rulers were persecuting John's fellow Christians at a rate which bade fair to exterminate them soon. And yet in that situation John saw a vision which he describes in the fifth chapter of Revelation.

He beheld in the right hand of a figure, seated on a throne, a great book sealed with seven seals. And there was wailing because no one was found able to open the seals. Then an elder spoke saying, "Weep not: behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah hath prevailed to open the book." Then John in his vision beheld a Lamb, as it had been slain, take the book. And a mighty chorus began a new song, crying: "Thou art worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof, for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth.'

There you have the secret of Christ's enduring power over people. Two generations after He was crucified, the Christians felt that this Christ who had been slain was not only King of Kings, but could make His followers "kings and priests unto God," able "to reign on the earth." That is, Christ continues to rule because He helps His followers to live royally.

And I wish to think with you about Christ's way of helping men to live royally. First of all, Christ gave a royal value to men. It must have been mighty hard to maintain dignity of life in First-Century Palestine. The filth, the poverty, the disease, the beggars, the lack of common living decencies must have demeaned life. Then too, Jesus' countrymen were crowded off the street by the swaggering Roman soldiers and they were scorned by the wealthy social leaders who catered to the Romans. And when you have been looked down on long enough, you too tend to look down. I wager the average man on the street in Jesus' day had a downcast look.

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Now, if the average person felt an inferiority complex, what must have been the feeling of the outcasts, the publicans, the harlots, the lepers? Yet it was precisely to those social outcasts that Jesus went. One day in Jericho he met a publican named Zaccheus who was ashamed of himself and despised by his fellow townsmen. But when Jesus accosted him, He addressed him as "Thou son of Abraham." How Zaccheus must PAGE 31 • CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945

have straightened up with a new sense of self-respect at that title which reminded him of his noble racial tradition! Or think of the time Jesus sat by a well in Samaria when a woman came to draw water. Her domestic life had been tawdry for she had had five husbands. The doors of decent society were closed against her and she was sullen. Then Jesus talked to her and she got a new lease on life. They brought to Him one day a woman taken in a sin which called for death by stoning. But Jesus melted the crowd by saying, "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone." Then he secured her repentance and forgave her sin.

Thus Jesus gave a new dignity to lives He redeemed. And He has been doing that down the centuries. In the year 1554, a Christian named Muretus was ill and in the hands of physicians. This was before the day of anaesthetics, which deliver us from the pain caused by what surgeons do to us and also deliver us from hearing what the surgeons say about us while they are doing it. Well, those two doctors thought Muretus was unconscious, so they said, "Let's try an experiment upon him, for he is just a cheap life anyhow." Out from the bed of the man they thought unconscious came a voice saying, "Call not any life cheap for whom Christ died." Such is the feeling that has given man a new sense of worth. We are the creatures for whom Christ died. Think what this new dignity has done for men in just this one channel of life, the art of healing. The healing art, given a missionary motivation by Christ, has gone out through the world until today the poorest social outcast, if picked up on the streets of one of our cities, is taken to the hospital where he receives the best equipment and the best medical treatment.

Our culture is still far from Christian. even in America. But at least we have had sufficient touch with Christ that life is worth more along the Mississippi and the Ohio than along the Yangtze or the Ganges. And it is this dignity of the individual which is the primary issue in the present war. We Americans are not in this war for territory, or markets, or to preserve the balance of power between other nations. But we are in this war to preserve the dignity of human life, so that individuals are not treated as pawns of totalitarian states and boys shall not continue to be cannon fodder for the imperial ambitions of cruel dictators. We are determined that no race henceforth shall set itself up as so superior that it can enslave or slaughter other minority

races, Jewish or otherwise. It is the dignity of life which is at stake in this war, and we must preserve it.

Of course, it is hard to preserve a sense of human dignity in wartime when we see bodies mangled by machine guns and corpses strewn along roads. But there is one way in which we can help to counteract these tragic reminders. Every day's news brings us glimpses of greatness, flashes of heroism, examples of human endurance which we hardly thought possible. These revelations of bravery and sacrifice are like the lightning flashes in a storm. They reveal the greatness resident in men. And our challenge is to live up to the potentialities which our brave men are showing. Ben Franklin discovered electricity in a thunderstorm. Can we take these lightning flashes of heroism and from them fashion a post-war life of greater and loftier proportions? This is a time for greatness and we need the redeeming touch of that royal dignity which Christ gave to life.

Secondly, Christ helps us to live royally by imparting a sense of high calling as well as high value. Those early Christians, whom we hear speaking in the Book of Revelation, said that Christ had made them "kings and priests unto God." Think how ridiculous such a claim sounds at first. There they were, the poorest of the poor. Some of them were serfs, owning no property at all. How could they be kings? Ah, each at least had his own life; and when a person rules his own life in kingly fashion, there is royal living. Mr. Chips, in James Hilton's memorable story, had little property and a minor position in Brookfield School. But he handled himself and his job with such a princely spirit that eventually he came to rule the hearts of the boys. He became a king in the domain of the spirit.

And those early Christians said Christ had made them "kings and priests unto God." What does a priest do? He takes the things of men and offers them to God and then intercedes with God for men. To take the common secular things of life and make them sacred, that is priestly work. Saint Francis of Assisi took a vow of poverty. He had no possessions. But he so handled himself and he so lifted the common things around him into sacred significance, that the centuries since have kept wistfully studying the secret of his radiance and power. Last winter a new book on Saint Francis became a best seller. Such men as Mr. Chips in fiction and Saint Francis in real life have become kings and priests unto God. And they have done it by making so much out of so little, by making a high calling out of common tasks.

I wonder if we in America can learn this Christ-like principle of living royally in lowly places. We are so under the spell of bigness and glamor, of wealth

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#### MISS BARTON'S BOARDERS

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pry loose from Hannibal's teeth wouldn't be fit for human wear. I only mention the incident because Prilly, and Hannibal, too, were to play an important part in the strange series of events that followed my decision to take summer boarders.

"First, catch your hare," I said to myself, and, once in the house, made straight for the telephone, with only an absent-minded pat for Daisy Belle, my Maltese kitten, hissing, all swelled up like a puffball, in the doorway. I took down the receiver—I still have one of those old-fashioned golden oak wall-phones in the dining room—and gave the crank a single twist. "Hello, Sadie," I said (I've known the operator ever since she was knee-high to a duck). "Is that Mr. Walker who advertised in the Bell at the Hotel Essex now?"

"Yeah, I think so, Miss Abby," Sadie chirped, smacking away at a wad of chewing gum—a habit I'd never succeeded in breaking her of in school. "He took a room there about ten o'clock last night, and I haven't seen him come out yet. I got a good view of the front verandah from the exchange, here, you know. Nobody's in sight but the porter, sweepin'. They don't serve breakfast till eight, anyway, and it's barely seven now. What are you doin' up so early, yourself? Anything wrong? You ain't sick, are you?"

"No, no, I'm fine," I said a little shortly. "But I'm in a hurry and can't take time to explain anything. I'll tell you later what I'm up to, if you don't already know ahead of me. What you and Sam don't figure out between you isn't worth much in this man's town."

I could hear Sadie shriek in protest as I hung up, but my remark was an understatement, if anything. The telephone exchange is in what used to be the parlor of the little Main Street cottage that Sam Applegarth remodeled for his barber shop, and what Sam doesn't learn from his men customers, his wife gleans over the wires. Not that they're malicious gossips—they're too young and full of fun for that. But they do know our town and our particular stretch of the Lake Champlain shore upside down and inside out, all right.

As I dressed that morning I felt sure that Sadie would already have put two and two together and would be laying bets with Sam that I'd be down to nab Mr. J. Earle Walker and his company of singers as prospective boarders before the other women of the town had wakened to the opportunity. Which was just exactly what I was planning to do.

It would take some planning. But I could see my first step clearly. I'd make myself decently presentable, drive right down Main Street, approach Mr. Walker

while he was still hungry and bring him back to the house for a good, bountiful country breakfast. Then I could show him the house, with my sale half made. I wanted that breakfast served up piping hot the minute we came in, and I knew I could count on Bill Crosby to tend to that part of the job.

Bill, a likable fugitive from the straitlaced conventionality of a good Boston family, poses as my man-of-all-work. That is, he has made himself surprisingly neat and comfortable quarters in one of the old barns on my few acres, and in return for that housing and his board,

The AUTHOR



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Miss Cochran is married to an Englishman, William E. Bryant, but keeps her maiden name for writing. Her work has included detective novels, juvenile books; short stories and serials in leading magazines. Between keeping house in these days of rationing and sticking more or less closely to a regular writing schedule, she finds little time for hobbies, but she does like flower gardening, cats and Victorian furniture.

farms in a small way and goes off hunting or fishing whenever the wanderlust strikes him—a thing entirely understood between Bill and me. He's an excellent cook when he's on hand, which—to do the charming old rascal justice—he is, about nine-tenths of the time. We're very good friends, frankly critical of each other's faults. He's a full twenty years older than I am . . . he calls me Abby, and I call him Uncle Bill.

He was turning the cow and her calf out to pasture when I hailed him from the kitchen door. And his bright blue eyes twinkled as I explained what I wanted . . . bacon and eggs, hot biscuits and damson jam, a pot of real he-man coffee. "That's the ticket," he approved. "I'll have everything ready. But this isn't establishing a precedent, understand, Abby. I'm not cooking meals for a houseful of boarders all summer."

"No, of course not," I soothed him.

"I'm going to ask Prilly Longfellow to help out—if I land this Mr. Walker, that is."

"Aw, you'll land him. He ought to be flattered that such a smart, good-looking girl as you would want him around. That a new suit you're wearing?"

"You know it isn't," I snapped. "But it's my good one." And we both laughed at that. He teases me about my simple tastes in clothes. Once every four years I have a plain suit made of good, serviceable gray cheviot, and wear the new one for best and the old one for common, winter and summer. I had put on a frilly white blouse today and fluffed out my bangs under my black straw sailor hat, so I felt real dressed up.

I couldn't say as much for my old flivver, as it was pretty badly mudsplashed by the storms we'd been having lately, but Bill keeps its engine running smooth as oil, and it gets me places faster than some of the fancy cars of a later vintage. The clock in the Methodist Church tower was striking eight as I rounded the turn into Main Street, and three minutes later I was stopping before the white-pillared porch of the Hotel Essex.

As I went up the walk and climbed the porch steps, I was treated to a rather bold and disconcerting stare from a regular old battleaxe of a woman sitting in one of the rockers there. Black satin and diamonds are queer morning garb for our little town, so I must confess I stared right back, taking in the elaborately marcelled white hair, the heavily jeweled brooch and engagement-finger diamond flashing in the sun, and the bandaged right hand resting on the crook of an ebony cane.

"One of the wreck casualties," I surmised, and walked on into the lobby. Zeke Abrams, the proprietor, was behind the desk, and when I asked him where I could find Mr. Walker, he pointed out a short, paunchy little man in a loud plaid suit and an early-morning face the color of a scalloped oyster. "Jest goin into the dinin' room now," Zeke said.

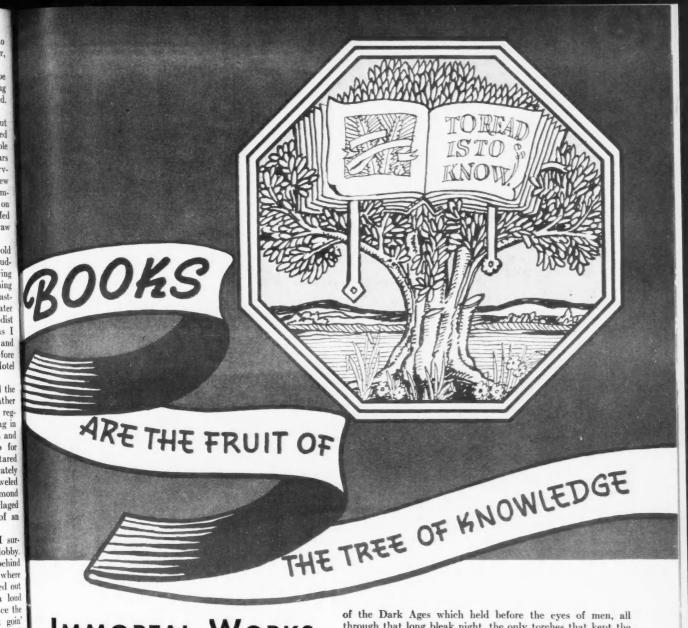
I got there first. "Mr. Walker?" I said, and when he nodded cautiously, I went on brightly, "I'm Abigail Barton. I've got a nice homecooked breakfast all ready and waiting for you in my house. My car's outside here. Won't you come along and have some real cofee—hot and black, if you like it that way—and then let me talk business with you?"

Mr. Walker looked me up and down, and he had to stretch his neck some to do it. "We-ell," he chuckled, finally. "You're an enterprising woman, I must say." And then he cast a shuddering glance at the dingy tablecloths and cracked white saucers of wizened prunes which were his only other alternative, (Continued on page 64)

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By Spencer Duryee

HERE is an immortality in printer's ink that smacks of the divine; it is the only art in which an imp (the "printer's devil") has official status, and yet it is the art preservative of all the arts, and without it human knowledge would be poor as a beggar. God has kept much alive in books and the printed

Books and religion! There is an affinity here, stronger than has ever met the eye. The first of all books was religious: it was the ancient Egyptian "Book of the Dead." It was the handprinted, painstakingly "illuminated" parchment volumes

Bay. The unclean and the worthless have been printed, yes-and they have perished quickly in the mills of time. But the good books men have written have lived on after their bones were dust. And most of the good books of every age have a religious core; every age has had its "Ben Hur," its "In His Steps," its "Nazarene." And every age since Gutenberg has been an age in which the Bible was a best-seller-or would

through that long bleak night, the only torches that kept the

human mind from total blackout. The first book to come

from the first printing press was a Bible-the Gutenberg

Bible, from the hand of Master John. And when the presses

crossed the seas to a new world, they picked up first a new

translation of the Book-a Bible for Indians, put in redskin

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Only the good has endured. Thus have books, the peak of printing art, become an enduring weapon for the good, the beautiful, the true. Thus has the hand of the printer become the hand of God.

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## By Lloyd C. Douglas

SCORE of years ago I began thinking about attempting a novel in which there might be shown the influence of Jesus' radiant personality on all sorts of people: old men, young women, little boys; prosperous people, friendless people, swindlers, skeptics, mystics, merchants, soldiers, priests, princes and paupers.

It was never in my mind to write a conventional "Life of Christ." That had been done again and again, far better than I could do it. I wanted to draw a picture of Jesus in His relation to the people of His own time and country. I hoped to make these people come alive. Even if I shocked some of the conservatives, I wanted to invite the Disciples to come down from their cold and uncomfortable perches in cathedral windows and move about as ordinary men, working, playing, laughing, weeping, hoping, worrying, even as we do in our day.

It was not easy to decide just how or where such a story should begin. Clearly it would have to involve a considerable number of fictitious characters, for it is not considered in very good taste for an author to put his own words into the mouths of the Apostles, much less invent speeches for the Lord Himself to deliver.

CHOCK!

As I ventured upon my task it seemed reasonable to include not only the men and women who had known Jesus in Palestine, but a few cold-blooded pagans. It would be interesting to expose some hard-boiled Roman to the divine friendship, and see what came of it. I resolved to begin the story in Rome, in the villa of a celebrated senator, Marcus Gallio.

Through the years I had given some thought to the daily life and manners of First Century Rome, and I felt that it would not require much research to portray probable events in the Gallio villa. I was mistaken. The task demanded much investigation—and imagination. Young Lucia gets out of bed (what kind of bed?) early in the morning, and puts on her morning gown (such as what?) and tiptoes—so as not to waken any-body—across the beautiful (but what

sort of?) rug, and down the stairs (describe please), and out to the pergola at the far end of the garden where certain flowers (yes-but what kind of flowers?) bloomed. Presently Lucia is joined by her playboy brother Marcellus, modishly dressed in what? Breakfast is served now, and the author had better know what they had to eat, and what tools they used. Please pass the buttered scones, Lucia. How do you mean-'scones"? How about a glass of orange juice? Surely you have oranges. (I said they had oranges, and a mighty cry went up from able historians, advising me that First Century Romans had no oranges.)



T WASN'T easy, but we did the best we could; and doubtless one of the reasons why so many people have been interested in "The Robe" is the author's earnest efforts to point up the smallest details in the daily life of these ancients. We had to take many things for granted. The needs and wants of human beings do not change very much from era to era, nor do the natural conditions of their existence change. The climate, the seasons, the necessity for certain types of clothing and food and shelter—one could imagine these factors to the prob-



LLOYD C. DOUGLAS

lems of good living in the First Century. Then, too, we had little sidelights revealed in the works of the poets and essayists of the time. But one was daily

running into snags. Even in the matter of names, we were always getting into trouble. For example: I had opened the story with the young daughter of the senator, whom I had called Augusta (surmising that half the girls in Rome would be named Augusta, in respect to the famous former Emperor Augustus). A learned young friend, specializing in the classics, remarked, after examining the first chapter: "At this period there were only three women in the whole Roman Empire who could conceivably have worn the imperial name 'Augusta', and your lady was not one of them."



As I proceeded with my task it became increasingly apparent that the First Century was menaced by much the same problems as have set our whole world on fire today! We drew a map of the Roman Empire under old Tiberius and found that we had also drawn a map of Hitler's Europe! You couldn't dodge the facts that the world into which Jesus came was enduring the same slaveries, brutalities, aggressions that have made our hearts sick in our own time. We pasted the map in "The Robe." Many people, pondering it, have inquired, "Do you think Jesus will come again?"

Perhaps one reason why my book seemed realistic to so many people is that we were dealing with much the same problems, the same fears, the same pasionate indignations! It wasn't so hard to guess how all the enslaved people in the Mediterranean countries felt and how they talked—among themselves.

One of my early decisions, in venturing upon the composition of "The Robe," was a resolve to let my people talk as we do, in the ordinary language of our impromptu conversation. In all of the stories about Jesus—so far as I know—the characters speak the language of the King James version of The Bible.

Now, there is a good deal to be said in favor of performing your religious exercises in a language that isn't hourly kicked about in the market-place. All of the older religions have known for ages that this is so, and have acted upon their knowledge. The phrascology of worship employed by the Moslems is the classic Arabic of The Koran. The Jews conduct their ritualistic services in classic Hebrew. The Catholics do theirs in Latin. The Protestants worship in "Middle English," our best example of which is in the Authorized version of The Bible.



PERSONALLY, I like the idea of clothing our formal religious services with a more dignified and stable diction that the slang-infested patter in secular use.

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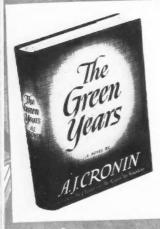
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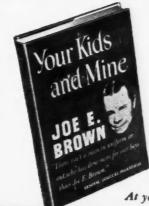
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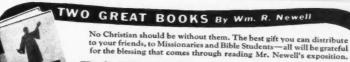


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### Dr. L. Wendell Fifield Discusses the Most Influential Writers of Our Times

HE most influential books are those which reach the largest number of people and definitely affect their lives. This definition at once excludes certain books. The most important books are not necessarily the most influential ones. In my judgment, the most important book to appear during 1944 was "Caesar and Christ" by Will Durant. This book will have an extensive reading, yet it will not reach the numbers of people that many other books will reach. Its influence in a smaller group will be great but will be limited by the number of readers.

The books finest in literary excellence are not necessarily most influential. The best written book of 1944 was "The World of Washington Irving" by Van Wyck Brooks. It will be read with great delight by many, but it will not touch the lives of as many readers as some other books. The most entertaining book of the past year was "Papa Was a Preacher" by Alyene Porter; but in spite of the rare fun and entertainment this book contains, it cannot be considered one of the most influential books of 1944. Many other fine current books might be cited to illustrate the fact that the excellence of a book in itself does not qualify its writer as being one of the most influential of our time.

HERE is only one criterion: An author must exercise maximum influence on the lives of people. This means two things. First, the book must be very popular. It must be read by large numbers of people. Popularity is never a safe criterion for literary excellence but it is essential to literary influence. The second qualification is that a writer must change people—change their attitudes, their ideas, their outlooks upon life. This means that thoroughly undesirable books can sometimes be influential. Writers who have been harmful to ideals and outlooks have been influential writers.

Well written books which have a very wide reading, whether good or bad, influence attitudes, morals, and conduct. Writers have a far greater responsibility at this point than some of them seem to realize. Ideas are very powerful. Widely read books spread ideas. If these ideas are the kind that lower life, the responsibility of the authors who exert an influence in this direction is very grave. C

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Fortunately, during the war period the most influential writers of current literature, judged by the two criteria set forth above, have in their books presented ideas that are wholesome, uplifting and helpful. They have, therefore, performed special service during the tragic years through which we are passing, One of the greatest reasons for their message has been one of hope and inspiration and spiritual strength.

ON THE basis of this definition of what constitutes an influential writer, I name Lloyd Douglas, Franz Werfel and A. J. Cronin as the three most influential writers of current literature.

There should be no doubt about the selection of Lloyd Douglas as worthy of first recognition. "The Robe" has had a phenomenal record of popularity. It has been read more extensively and has influenced the thinking and living of more people than any other recent book. Its popularity and influence have astounded the critics who discovered it long after the reading public had done so. Its phenomenal sales record has been the modern miracle of the book trade. Its contribution to the morale of the American people cannot be estimated. In the third year of its sale, it still challenges all comers and continues to set new records. There can be no question but that it is doing more to thinking and living than any other book. Its author is the most influential writer of current literature.

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The second writer is Franz Werfel.

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This selection is based not upon his most recent book "Between Heaven and Earth," which will have a considerable reading among students of religion and philosophy but will never prove to have an extensive popular appeal, but rather upon his famous novel, "The Song of Bernadette." Until displaced by "The Robe," this moving story was the most popular in our country. I know personally many whose lives were changed by the reading of this book. I have heard of many more. Unquestionably, it is exercising an influence very profound and significant.

The third writer whom I select is A. J. Cronin. This selection is made on the basis of his great story, "The Keys of the Kingdom." At the outset of the war, this was the most popular book in America. Its supremacy continued until its leadership was challenged by "The Song of Bernadette." Now that the "Keys of the Kingdom" has been made into a motion picture, the fine influence of the story of Father Chisholm, his sacrifice, his service, his love, his loyalty to spiritual truth will continue to exercise wide influence.

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WHILE the primary claim of these three writers to the designation which I have given them is determined by their books—their popularity and their effect upon personal living—it should be noted that these three authors are responsible for a trend in modern fiction. The consideration of spiritual values is a growing characteristic of much fiction. Undoubtedly this trend stems from the success of Douglas, Werfel and Cronin.

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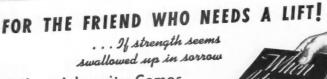
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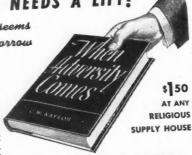
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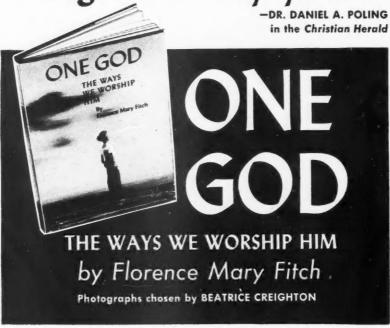
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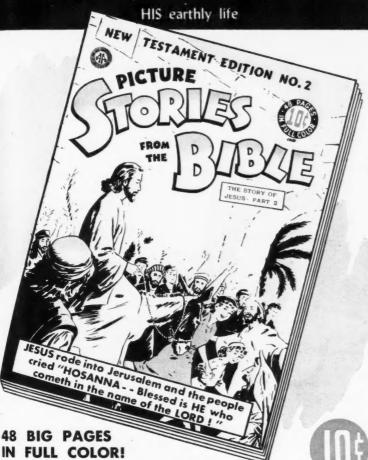
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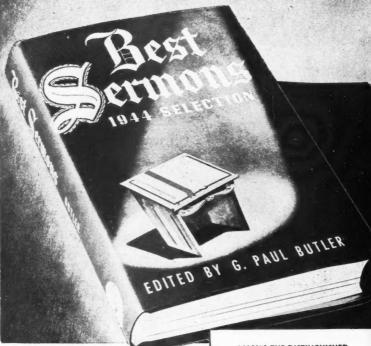
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Many tender and powerful emotions are stirred by the sonorous phrases with which our fathers bared their hearts and begged for guidance.

I am one of those who prefer to see holy things talked of in a stately language. It offends me when I tune into a religious broadcast in which the minister says that Jesus is "just a real good pal."

It must be admitted, though, that this outmoded form of speech, whatever high purposes it serves in the rituals of religion, is pretty slow going when employed in ordinary conversation. So in planning "The Robe," I decided to use our modern speech, and see if it might not make my story people more real than if they were to go about thee-ing and thou-ing one another. I firmly believe that my use of modern speech had a great deal to do with the apparent readability of "The Robe." People write me that they have formed an entirely new impression of the men and women who walked and talked with Jesus, and gave up their lives for Him, esteeming His friendship of more value than their blood.

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"The Robe" has evoked a flood of letters. Most of the writers simply express appreciation. My new friends are of all ages, all walks of life. They write on engraved stationery, cheap tablet paper, and lead pencils, ink, typewriters. They are high-school youngsters, collegians, businessmen, housewives, teachers, professional people, clergymen of all faiths and, to my great pleasure, many mea and women of the armed forces.

I receive many letters from persons who do not understand that "The Robe" is a novel. They ransack the New Testament hunting for Marcellus. They want to know what became of Demetriusand did he find Theodosia, when he returned to Greece? They complain that they have gone through the four Gospel with a microscope and have found metrace of the crippled girl Miriam who was given the marvelous voice. And while I let Stephen be stoned? And to all of these good people I reply:

You must remember that "The Role" is a novel. It is not a "Life of Christ." It is not a commentary on The Acts of the Apostles. It is not a textbook of Roman, Grecian and Jewish history is the First Century. It is just one man attempt to draw a picture of Jesus and the people with whom He walked and talked in an age so very like ours that is wouldn't surprise me very much if-somewhere—in one of these wounded weeping, little countries, He should come again to renew His peace terms to a be wildered world.

(We give you this article through the courtesy of Cosmopolitan Magazind where it was first published.—Ed.)

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ANOTHER souvenir of mine has an ironic inscription on it. This, too, was given me in China. It is a stick from a Japanese Zero shot down over Heng Yang by the lads who presented it to me. On the bushing is plainly inscribed: "Made in the U.S.A." Maybe we ought to keep a few of these unpleasant reminders around for the future, so we will never again repeat the tragic mistake of supplying the enemy with the very weapons for killing our boys.
Joe E. Brown, in "Your Kids and Mine"

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ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1943, Yank published a much-controverted article, "The Army and the Legion," in which the writer paid his disrespects both to politicians who promise the soldier forty acres and a mule, or the moon for that matter, because such pledges are profitable, and to organizations whose members want to know, "What's in it for me?" He suggested another theme, for the consolidated veterans of World War II, "Will it serve the best interests of our country?"

Dixon Webster, in "When Johnny Comes Marching Home'

FINALLY, it cannot be forgotten that the prime negotiators of the Treaty of Versailles were a worn and worried group of men. The strain under which they were working, the constant press attacks to which they were subjected both at home and in Paris, the domestic political maneuvers directed against them during their absence, and above all, the everincreasing popular demand for immediate demobilization and for the immediate signature of some treaty-any treaty -harassed them night and day.

Sumner Welles, in "The Time For Decision"

N THE past there was an age of Shakespeare, of Voltaire, of Dickens. Ours is the age not of any poet or thinker or novelist but of the Document. Our representative man is the traveling newspaper correspondent who dashes off a best-seller between two assignments. "Facts speak for themselves." Illusion! Facts are ventriloquist's dummies. Sitting on a wise man's knee, they may be made to utter words of wisdom; elsewhere they say nothing or talk nonsense or indulge in sheer diabolism.

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MUTUAL RESPECT
READ 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-11

WHEN John Quincy Adams was President of the United States, he was in Baltimore on one occasion and was greeted by a host of admirers. A man approached him and said: "Mr. President, although I differ from you in your political opinions, I respect you and I am glad to find you in good health." The President was deeply touched, shook the man's hand warmly and said: "In our happy and free country, we can differ in opinions without being enemies." That is a truth which should never be lost sight of either in Church or State.

Lord, we pray that we may ever have the mind and spirit of Jesus and as we love Thee so may we love mankind.

Amen.

MAR. 2 ALL SUNSHINE MAKES A DESERT READ 1 KINGS 17:1-7

THE Arabs have a saying: "All sunshine makes a desert." We have one which teaches the same truth: "Fair weather never made a sailor." Sorrow does more than test a person's faith. It affords the soul an opportunity to grow. The power to resist evil comes through resisting. Just as massive trees can not be grown in a hothouse but must be out on the bleak hillside where they meet the strong winds and the icy blasts of winter and gather strength through the strain. So men and women become strong spiritually by meeting opposition with Christian fortitude.

Lord. Thou dost call us into the fellowhip of those who suffer; enable us to ing songs in the night. Amen.

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JUST WHERE YOU ARE READ 1 CORINTHIANS 7:20-24

PAUL counselled the Corinthians to abide in their calling and honor God therein. Evidently there were people in that Christian group who felt that in another calling and under more favorable circumstances, they could serve God bet-

ter. It is a common experience but in the main, Paul's advice was sound. It is not easy to be a Christian anywhere and every calling and location has its own temptations. We can serve God anywhere whatever be our task. It may be a position of responsibility and leadership in a very humble and obscure place; whatever it be, we can enjoy the fellowship of Jesus.

Forgive us, Lord, that so often we long for distant fields; enable us to see and use the opportunities that are close at hand. Amen.

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A NATION'S SUPREME TEST READ PSALM 33

NOWADAYS when so many are asking themselves how best to build up a nation, it is well to remember that the moral dangers of ease and prosperity are greater than the dangers of adversity. Dr. Hugh Black writes: "New ropes could not shackle Samson but he was bound by Delilah's silken tresses. The great Oriental empires-Assyria and Babylon and Persia-as well as European empires like Rome and Spain, were strong when they faced toil and struggle but they rotted at the core when wealth and self-indulgence marked their course." This nation can stand adversity; can it stand prosperity?

Lord, we pray not for ease and comfort but for purpose and determination and consecration to Christ's service.

MAR. 5 THE VICTORIOUS LIFE READ JOB 23

A GREAT American once wrote the story of his life and gave it the title: "Sunshine and Shadow." Most people would agree that the title was a good one as applied to many lives. Yet is it not true that most of the shadows are of our own making? God has made it possible for all, not only to endure pain, but to derive benefit from it. The soul of man is greater than anything that can befall it. Helen Keller, blind and deaf, wrote: "Once I had no hope and darkness lay on the face of all things; then love came

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JESUS TEACHES **FORGIVENESS** READ-MATTHEW 18:21-35

THE word, "religion" means a "tie or binder." Christianity is the tie that binds the believer to his God and his neighbor. Christ demanded that every principle for living stand or fall by this test: Does it help or hinder the child-Father relationship between God and me and the brother-sister relationship between me and my neighbor? Forgiveness is definitely a matter of relationships and we need not be surprised that Jesus laid such great emphasis upon it.

Peter seemed to think of religion in mathematical terms. In this he was a child of his people. The rabbis thought in the language of the countinghouse. They struck balances in religious duty. They sought rules rather than principles in their Scripture. In the prophet Amos, it is said, they found the rule for the arithmetic of forgiveness. Speaking of God's forgiveness for rebellious nations, he said, "For three transgressions, yea for four . . . I will not turn away the punishment." It is said that the rabbis added three and four to make sure they placed the limit high enough and made the rule of forgiveness seven times. Jesus swept the whole heartless business of calculation into the wastebasket and said "sev-

enty times seven" which means forgive-

ness without limit. The story Jesus told clears the whole matter. With a bit of humor He pictured a servant who owed his master more than all the taxes the provinces of his homeland would pay in a year to Rome. Yet the foolish fellow promised to pay them all, if given time. Then see the mercy of the master as he wiped the impossible debt off the slate. Then the servant pressed his fellow servant for payment of what Dr. Leslie Weatherhead calls "the price of a new coat." No wonder the rest of the servants exposed the man, and no wonder terrible punishment came to the unforgiving servant. How easily Jesus could carry His hearers with Him in that story. Can you hear them say, "Good! That fellow got just what he deserved!"?

BUT WAIT; which servant am I? How impossible for me to pay the debt of love I owe to God! How vast the mercy He has showed to me in sending His Son to redeem me! I will prove to be just as foolish, just as self-deceived as this ungrateful servant if I dare to pray, "Have patience and I will pay Thee all I owe," Let us establish this basic fact in the matter of relationship with God. We cannot reëstablish the tie of son-ship by anything we can do. He must do the giving and forgiving and that means He must pay my debt. This is what we mean by the grace of God.

What has this to do with our relation to our neighbors? By any standard of manhood, it means that having been treated so by God we ought to so treat our neighbors. They could not possibly owe us as much as we owe to God. Indeed, nestled right in the heart of the model prayer Jesus gave us is, "forgive us our debts as . . ." What a dangerous petition if we dare to hold grudges and seek vengeance!

Can we speak of forgiveness in 1945 without thinking of our national enemies? The principle of brotherhood is not denied by unbrotherly acts. Jesus never excused those wronged from the claim of forgiveness. How wise He was to know that anything else than forgiveness will never last as a tie to bind men or nations together. Even forgiveness may fail time and time again, but vengeance never wins. In the end the love of Christ revealed in His forgiveness will win. The only possible hope of brotherhood in my community or in my world is by the tie of sincere, unreserved forgiveness.

Questions:

"God will forgive you however costly. He will forgive you whatever you have done - WHATEVER you have Jone! And that forgiveness is complete." From "In Quest of a Kingdom," by Leslie Weatherhead, Discuss.

What has forgiveness to do with God's purpose that every Christian be a winsome person, winning others for Christ!

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THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP READ-MATTHEW 19:16-26, 29

HE young man was both likable and thoughtful. He was the kind that most religious leaders would covet. Jesus was (Continued on page 61)

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#### Magic Touch

 Yesterday, our secretary brought in our mail. It was a huge, most discouraging pile and we started through it muttering in our beard that we should have been born rich instead of editorial. Halfway down that bunch we found a manuscript, and without looking to see who had written it we gave it that hasty first glance that all manuscripts getand then suddenly, the world stopped and we forgot the woe of war and the roar of traffic under our windows. It wasn't just another manuscript. It was Margaret Lee Runbeck's first article for CHRIS-TIAN HERALD.

Dr. Poling drifted in, read it, looked at us with misty eyes and said nothing. Advertising, Circulation, Administration and Art departments read it, forgot their worries and their routines and asked for carbon copies. Not within our editorial time has any manuscript received such an enthusiastic reception in an office where we must needs be coldly critical about them.

You'll be enthusiastic, too, when you read it as the lead article in the April issue, when Miss Runbeck makes her bow as a regular contributor. There is something of Honoré Morrow about her, something that reminds us of Margaret Sangster and Dorothy Canfield Fisher-and yet she is beautifully original, beautifully Runbeck. She has been welcomed in the pages of the Saturday Evening Post, Good Housekeeping, Woman's Home Companion, Collier's and The Reader's Digest. She has the magic touchthe gift, as one critic puts it, of always "knocking at the door of your heart."

You may have read her famous "Miss Boo" stories; if you haven't, you will. A good selection of them are bound into one book in her fast-selling "Time For Each Other." Did you read "The Great Answer"? It is the most arresting compilation of prayer-in-wartime stories published since Hitler took Poland. Rome Betts of the American Bible Society read "The Great Answer," called

Miss Runbeck on the phone in California and asked her to write the scenario for a big forthcoming Bible Society motion picture dealing with the influence of the Bible on American life and institutions—which she is writing, now.

She started writing at the ripe age of 14, when she "did" a regular column on a Washington, D. C.,



MARGARET LEE RUNBECK

newspaper. The poor editor didn't dare tell his readers that he had a 14-year-old columnist, so he ran her stuff under a pen-name. At the University of Chicago one year, she won the David McLaughlin Award for excellency in prose; John ("Inside Europe") Gunther won second prize in that contest—which gives you some idea of the Runbeck writing stature.

Before us is the letter which reached us just before the photograph reproduced on this page. Says Miss Runbeck: "Like most of us, I am prettier on the inside than on the outside." We're wondering about that, but she must be "pretty" in-

side, for from her heart came this paragraph in the April article on immortality:

"Where do the children go who have grown into men? We lose our babies into children, our children into adults. We lose them, yet each day but adds to the sum of them. One babe is born to us, and from the babe a thousand children grow, and a thousand men, every day. And parents watch it happening, losing yet holding. So God, our forever-parent, must watch His children grow and change, must see us pass, even beyond the sight of each other, yet never beyond His sight."

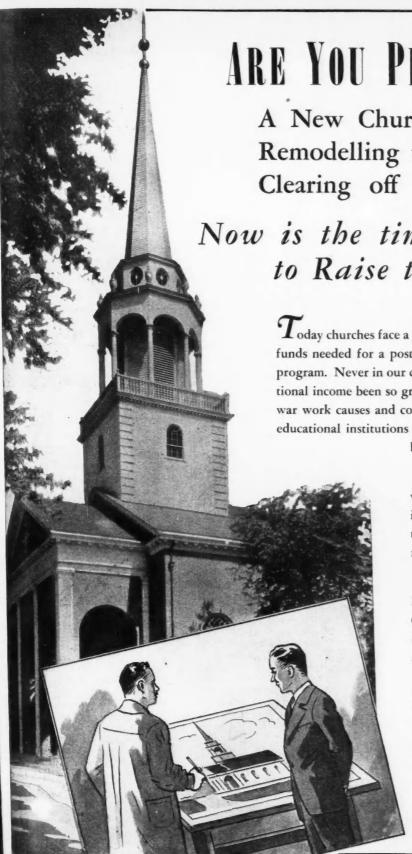
• That's what we mean when we say she has the magic touch. We welcome a great new pen and spirit to the pages of Christian Herald in Margaret Lee Runbeck!

#### War, War, War

Dear Editor

I have read the letter of our soldier friend, W. H. D. (January issue) and also your interesting comments on that letter. I challenge your statement that war accomplished good when it took this country from "scalping" red men to be ruled by "democratic" whites. I believe that Wil-liam Penn's experiment in Pennsylvania . . . stands as a monument to the fact that war is not necessary. I challenge your statement that war decided that slavery should pass from this country. The Negro is still enslaved by race prejudice. I also challenge your statement that this present war is deciding whether bullets or ballots will rule free men. I reject your statement that war . . . gives a chance for Jesus Christ to enter men's hearts. . . . Your questions are very pertinent. Your answers are as hollow, I think, as are most answers being offered to soldiers these Coshocton, Ohio Francis D. Hole

• We're not looking for trouble or argument, but these challenges deserve reply. Especially that one about William Penn. But does the Penn experiment prove war is not necessary? Certainly it was a noble experiment, and it paid great dividends in peace-in a very, very small area! We wonder whether that attitude of Penn's would have worked with the Sioux, or the Apaches, in covered-wagon days? Would the American Indian have been pushed into the Pacific ocean by the flood of white immigration, off his precious hunting-grounds without a fight? The record of the Indians fighting among themselves isn't a very attractive one. And slavery? Seems to us that slavery did die when Lee surrendered. Modern racial prejudice, bad as it is, is a bit better than the sale of human flesh on an auction-block. The Civil War might have been prevented, and slavery liquidated otherwise-but it still stands that the war did the job! CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945 . PAGE 52



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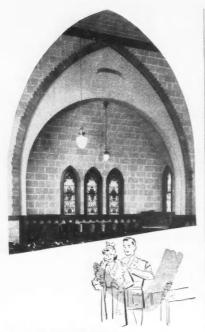
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# Freshen THE FISH

#### By Esther Foley

ORE varieties of smoked and salted fish are on the market in greater quantities than ever before. Good to sniff, easy to store, easy to cook and pleasant in flavor, try some, one of these windy days. With a whole boiled potato, a large baked potato, or quickly cooked potato cubes, this fish makes an inexpensive and satisfying dinner.

Salt Codfish, that old American standby, is not as heavily salted as it once was. It will cook tender in fifteen to twenty minutes if it is just simmered, not boiled, in two changes of water.

Smoked Haddock or Finnan Haddie has a wonderful mild, salty-smoky flavor. Wash it well, pour boiling water over it for just a minute, remove the thin skin, and then prepare it as you wish. It is nice, heated in a heavy skillet with milk and butter, and the pieces served in wide soup plates, generously covered with the milk. Put a boiled potato beside it, ready to be broken into the milk, thickening it, as a sauce for the fish.

Smoked Salmon can be treated the same way. But smoked salmon is good sliced cold, in a sandwich, if the bread is rye and sliced very thin.

Kippered Herring should be heatedthat is all-in a moderate oven and served very hot. Again this fish needs potatoes. All salty or smoky foods need the blandness of potatoes, because the potato takes up the strong flavor from the fish-and the potato tastes better.

Salt Mackerel should be soaked well in cold water because this is very heavily brined. It can then be heated in milk, or buttered and broiled until very hot. Serve it with creamed or scalloped po-

These fish make up well in casserole dishes, for dinner service.

#### SCALLOPED COD

small onions, sliced 2 cups milk 1/4 cup green pepper, 2 tablespoons catsup chopped 2 tablespoons butter

11/2 pounds cod, fresh- 11/2 teaspoons salt ened ½ teaspoon pepper I teaspoon pickly spices Few grains cayenne

2 tablespoons cider vinegar 30 crackers

Allow the cod to simmer for 15 minutes in two quarts of water plus pickling spices. Saute onions and green pepper in butter. Add flour, salt and pepper and blend. Add milk and cook until thickened. Remove from range and add catsup and vinegar. Roll 24 of the crackers and place in bottom of casserole. Place hot flaked fish on cracker crumbs and cover with spicy sauce. Place under a hot broiler until top browns. Garnish with toasted crackers. Approximate yield: 6 servings.

#### CASSEROLE OF FINNAN HADDIE

2 tablespoons quick- 1 tablespoon minced cooking tapioca 1/4 teaspoon salt Dash of pepper Dash of paprika 1 cup flaked finnan haddie

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onion 1 cup milk 1 tablespoon melted butter

6 to 8 unbaked baking powder biscuits, rolled 1/4 inch thick CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945 . PAGE 54

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Bo 3 mi PAGE Combine ingredients in order given. Furn into greased casserole and bake in hot oven (425 degrees F.) 25 minutes, stirring mixture twice during first 10 minutes of baking. Place biscuits on top of finnan haddie mixture after it has baked 10 minutes; return to oven and bake 12 to 15 minutes longer, or until biscuits are browned. Approximate yield: 4 servings.

Or try Codfish Balls, or a chowder, both very good food.

#### CODFISH BALLS

 ¼ tablespoon butter
 ½ taspoon celery salt

 ½ tablespoons flour
 Grating of nutmeg

 ¾ cup milk
 Salt and pepper

 1 tablespoon chopped
 1½ cups minced salt

 parsley
 5sh, freshened

Put butter and flour in saucepan and stir until well blended; add milk and cook, stirring constantly until it leaves bottom and sides of pan; add flavorings, seasoning and fish; mix well together; form into balls without using flour; saute in small amount of fat until brown. Garnish with parsley and lemon sections. Approximate yield: 6 servings.

#### HADDOCK CHOWDER

Try out ½ pound salt pork, chopped, and saute until browned. Add 3 cups diced potatoes and 3 cups boiling water, and cook 15 minutes or until potatoes are soft. Add 2 pounds of haddock, freshened, and bringing to a boil. Add 3 cups hot milk, season to taste and serve over pilot crackers. Approximate yield: 6 servings.

#### CODFISH HASH

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Wash the fish and cut or shred into small pieces. If fish is hard and salt, soak in cold water for 4 hours or more. Put the fish and diced potatoes in a saucepan; cover with boiling water; cook until the potatoes are tender (about 10 minutes). Drain; return to the stove uncovered for a few moments to permit the steam to escape. Remove from the stove; mash thoroughly; add butter, pepper, and unbeaten egg: beat vigorously until the mixture is light and creamy. Spread the mixture evenly over the surface of a hot well-greased frying pan. Cook slowly until a brown crust forms on the bottom. Fold like a plain omelet; invert on a hot platter. Garnish with

These fish, served dry and hot, can be made very different with a well-chosen and colorful sauce.

#### CATSUP SAUCE

cup catsup
tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
Half onion, grated
tablespoon lemon

2 tablespoons melted butter or salad oil 1/3 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper 1/2 teaspoon paprika

Boil all ingredients together for 2 or 3 minutes. Serve hot or cold.

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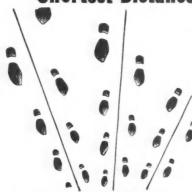
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and set my soul free. Night fled and love and hope and joy came."

Almighty God, we rejoice that Thou art Lord of the storm and of the calm, master of the angry sea and the quiet haven. Amen.

MAR. 6

THE OTHER SIDE OF SUFFERING READ HEBREWS 2:10-18

A WRITER in one of our leading magazines points out that many—if not most—of our benevolent enterprises have been started by people who were themselves afflicted. It was a blind Frenchman, Louis Braille, who invented the raised type which enables the blind to read. The blind journalist, Arthur Pearson, founded St. Dunstans Hospital in which thousands of sightless men have been greatly helped. Thomas A. Edison, himself deaf, was constantly thinking of schemes to help others similarly afflicted. This at least gives one answer to the question: "Why do men suffer?"

Be with us, O God, when our vision of Thee is dim and our purposes waver; comfort us with the knowledge of Thy goodness and Thy mercy. Amen.

MAR.

VICTORY OUT OF DEFEAT READ PHILIPPIANS 1:1-13

IT IS always possible to wrest victory out of seeming defeat. Nearly twenty centuries ago, the Apostle Paul was cast into prison when it seemed that he was urgently needed in a score of places; but now, seen in the light of the intervening years, we know that his imprisonment advanced the cause to which he was so much devoted. The letters to the Philippians, Colossians, Ephesians and Philemon were all written during this period of Paul's life. He lived long enough to know how good came out of apparent evil. He wrote: "The things which happened unto me have fallen out rather to the furtherance of the Gospel.'

Lord, as little children know that they are loved and cared for, so may we face life without fear and death without

fainting. Amen.

MAR. 8 NOT HANDS BUT SOULS READ MATTHEW 12:10-13

A GREAT Christian leader protested against the use of the word "hands" as it is generally applied to those working in factories and elsewhere. He said it suggested a mean estimate of these people, as though they had neither heads nor hearts. He contrasted the estimate placed upon he man beings in Scripture:

"And the same day there were added unto them three thousand souls." We may be sure that there will be less soulless labor in the world when we learn to think of men and women in Christ's higher and worthier way. "How much better is a man than a sheep."

Lord, all souls are Thine and are precious in Thy sight; deliver us from the sin of being scornful of others. Amen.

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TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? READ JOHN 6:66-71 M

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AT A most critical period in the life of Woodrow Wilson, a time when he was nervous and distraught, he sought quiet with his family at a camp. On Sunday he left the camp and drove to attend worship at Spring Lake, New Jersey. The clergyman, Rev. Dr. James M. Ludlow, expressed surprise at seeing him there. Governor Wilson—he was not yet President—said to 'the clergyman: "Where else should a man in my straits be on such a day, except in the House of God. I could not remain at the camp."

Lord, to whom shall we go but unto Thee for Thou hast the words of eternal life. Amen.

MAR. 10

THE MIRROR OF LIFE READ PSALM 1

A MAN we know was thinking of moving to a city in another state. He talked the matter over with two other men, each of whom had lived in that city. The first man didn't like it, nor the people. The second man was enthusiatic in his praise; he liked both place and people. "Whom am I to believe?" asked the enquirer of his wife. Her answer was a sensible one: "We shall find the place to be just what we make it. If we go in a fault-finding spirit, nothing will seem right. If we look for nice things both place and people will be all right." The world, like a mirror, reflects our spirit.

Make Thy ways known to us, O God, and enable us to walk in Thy truth. Amen.

MAR. 11 EDUCATION NOT SUFFICIENT READ MARK 12:28-34

WHEN Dr. Charles Parkhurst was exercising his virile ministry in New York about half a century ago, he created something of a sensation by saying that some of the most undesirable citizens were well-educated men and women—in many cases university graduates. To make the mind keener, he contended, is not sufficient, we need the Spirit of God. Many strongly resented Dr. Parkhurst's statement, but we think he was right and what he said is equally true today.

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Men and women must love God not only with their minds but with their hearts and souls.

Lord, we know that no matter what we possess if we have not Thee, then we are poor indeed; if we have Thee then all things are ours. Amen.

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WORK AND WORSHIP READ ROMANS 13

ONE of the best-known pictures in the world of art is Millet's "Angelus;" reproductions of it are found everywhere. The scene is a potato field, in the midst of which are two figures, a young man and a young woman. In the far distance is the spire of a church standing out against the sky. It is the evening hour and as the bell calls the villagers to worship, the two field workers lay aside their implements and bow in reverent, silent prayer. Here is a picture of what every life should be; an example of the way in which our work and our worship must blend together in perfect harmony.

Lord, we would begin the day with Thee and when evening comes may we know that we are still with Thee. Amen.

MAR.

FORGIVERS AND FORGIVEN READ MATTHEW 18:23-35

ONE of the early fathers of the Church, Chrysostom, tells us that in his day many believers, when repeating the Lord's Prayer, left out the words, "as we forgive them that trespass against us." They did not dare to ask God to deal with their sins as they were dealing with the sins of those who had wronged them, lest they brought upon themselves a curse and not a blessing. Here is a direct question each one of us should face: How would it go with us if God dealt with us as we deal with others?

Lord, may we fully and freely forgive, as we ourselves hope to be forgiven.

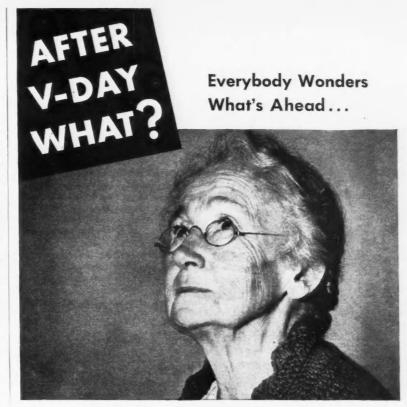
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FOOLISH SELF-PUNISHMENT READ EPHESIANS 4:29-32

YESTERDAY we talked of the duty of forgiveness. Here is a quaint saying of a Puritan of long ago: "If thou hast not mercy upon others, then have mercy upon thyself. Do not cruelly punish thyself by ruminating upon the evil that others have done to thee." There is a wealth of spiritual wisdom here. There is no misery worse than that of a mind which broods continually over its own wrongs, whether they are real or imaginary. We must forgive others for their sakes; equally true is it that we must forgive others for our own sakes.

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Charles Wesley's God was very real to him and how close his hymn makes God seen, how real His infinite love and grace! The faith of Charles Wesley and his brother, John, founded the Methodist Church and by its teachings, as by this hymn, Christian people everywhere have come to know the ever-presentness of God.

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MAR. THE LESSON OF EMPTY HANDS
15 READ LUKE 16:19-31

MANY centuries ago a great conqueror, one who had won many battles and amassed great wealth, left instructions that he must be buried with his empty hands uncovered so that all might see that he carried away nothing of his vast possessions. The instinct that led him to ask for such a burial was significant, for no lesson is harder for humans to learn. Avarice and worldly mindedness instead of decreasing as men grow older, frequently becomes more pronounced. Our material possessions, small or large, are all left behind.

Lord, in Thee alone is to be found forgiveness for our sins and strength to forsake them. Amen.

MAR. STRONG CONVICTIONS
16 READ LUKE 3:1-9

IT WAS said of a well-known citizen that he thought clearly but that he also thought lightly. He possessed no strong convictions—only an easy-going tolerance towards all. As a contrast think of the historian Macaulay's magnificent tribute to the Puritans: "The deep intensity of their feelings made them tranquil and firm. Death had no terrors for them and worldly pleasures had no charms. Enthusiasm had cleansed their minds from every vulgar passion and raised them above every moral danger and corruption."

Lord, draw us closer into that blessed company of those who have been redeemed and who bravely witness for Thee, Amen.

MAR. FOR WHOM SHALL WE PRAY?
READ MATTHEW 5:43-48

THE poet Tennyson said that men should pray for themselves, and for those who call them friends. Jesus went further-much further than that. "Bless them that curse you," he said, "and pray for them that despitefully use you." And on the Cross, He made that prayer more luminous than ever by His own prayer for those who crucified Him: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." There is much bitterness and hatred in the world, but nothing is settled until it is settled right; furthermore, the teaching of Jesus is unmistakable: we must pray, even for our enemies.

Lord, may we have compassion for all who are weak, knowing how frail and

unstable our own wills can be. In Thy blessed Name's sake. Amen.

MAR. RIFFRAFF
READ LUKE 15:1-10

In A recent book which has had a wide sale, one section of this country's population is referred to as "riffraff." We cannot hide from ourselves the truth that this scornful attitude is prevalent. There are thousands of citizens who think that they move themselves up by running other people down. It is a mistake. Jesus devoted much of His ministry to those whom the so-called superior people of His day considered "riffraff." Nothing could be more alien to the spirit and teaching of Jesus than a scornful regard for any class; every man, every woman, every little child, was precious in His sight.

Lord, we would not call anything common which Thou hast cleansed and all souls are Thine, Amen.

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MAR. A GOOD FORGETTERY
19 READ MATTHEW 5:21-26

IN ONE of his books, Dr. H. E. Fosdick has this fine phrase: "Blessed is the man who does not collect resentments." That quality of overlooking slights is a characteristic of all great men and we believe it applies to all good men. Surely we can never get close to our Heavenly Father if we insist upon remembering and dwelling upon every little snub we receive and every unkind thing said about us. The grace of God can lift us above such pettiness. As Dr. Frank Crane said: "We need to pray for a good forgettery."

Lord, we pray that we may be delivered from pettiness and meanness; give unto us largeness of heart. For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MAR. IT ISN'T WORTH IT READ EXODUS 20:1-17

WHEN Theodore Roosevelt was a rancher, before he entered political life, a man in his service stole cattle from another rancher. The future President instantly dismissed the man from his service: "If you steal for me," he said, "then you would steal from me." That rugged honesty was one of his marked characteristics. In these days when juvenile delinquency has increased everywhere we need more thorough home training. We all need to remember, "There is nothing in the world worth doing wrong for."

Lord, make us children of the light and of the day and heirs of Thy everlasting inheritance. Amen.

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ONE biographer of Napoleon says that while the great Corsican wanted the laws of morality enforced upon other people, it never occurred to him to obey such laws himself. He even went so far as to say: "I am not like other men. The laws of morality do not apply to me." It was this strange conceit, this arrogance which eventually ruined Napoleon and brought defeat and humiliation upon him. There have been men in these modern days whose attitude has been arrogant, godless; it has led to their undoing.

Deliver us, O God, from all narrowness and pride and arrogance; help us to love and honor all mankind. Amen.

MAR. 22

UNCONSCIOUS GOODNESS READ MATTHEW 25:31-40

ONE of the delightful things about Christ's account of the judgment in this passage is the complete surprise of those who had fed the hungry, clothed the naked and visited the sick and yet were unconscious of their life of ministering. When they were commended by their Lord, they thought that some mistake must have been made. They could not remember rendering any distinguished service and modestly did not feel entitled to reward. They possessed a goodness they never suspected.

Grant unto us. O God, the wisdom that shows itself by simplicity and the power which reveals itself by modesty.

MAR. 23

THE BASIS FOR PEACE READ MICAH 4:1-5

AFTER the first World War a journalist wrote a book entitled: "The Book of Good Deeds." In it were scores of incidents telling of combatants who had done kind and generous things for their enemies, e.g., Britishers to Germans fermans to Frenchmen, etc. Many of the stories revealed how much genuine decency and kindness there is in men who are on opposite sides. We have seen hundreds of our men a d boys in this war who went to battle and we know there was no hatred in their souls. We must all pray that the day will soon come when war shall be outlawed.

Lord, Thou knowest how often we are blinded by prejudice; may we see and believe the best of men, always. Amen,

MAR. 24

OPENED FROM WITHIN READ LUKE 19:37-48

HERE is one of the strange mysteries of life: we can accept or reject the over-AGE 59 • CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945

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Lord, Thy boundless mercy awaits all men; may all men avail themselves of it. Amen.

MAR. THE VOICE OF ENTREATY READ REVELATION 3:14-22 25

THERE are two ways in which the word "come," may be used. Sometimes Jesus said the word with the tone of command. He commanded the devils: 'Come out of him, thou unclean spirit." He spoke to the troubled sea with the same voice of authority. Again, "He commanded the multitudes to sit down." But when Jesus spoke to the weary heavy-laden multitudes, He used the voice of tender entreaty. It is as though He said: "I ask you to come, I plead with you to come, but I cannot force you to do it against your will." There can be no spiritual compulsion.

Lord, may everything we see this day speak to us of Thee, the Maker and Preserver of all things. Amen.

MAR. THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE READ 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-7 26

IN ADDRESSING a group of ministers, a great Christian leader said: "Your work is not to go around giving people bits of advice on this, that and the other subject, but to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ." We like that solid and evangelical statement. Men and women in the Church will have different views on many subjects; they wouldn't be human if they did not, and no man in the pulpit, however intelligent, can say the final word on any controversial subject. But if Jesus Christ is kept at the heart of preaching, other things will fall into their place.

Lord, our souls as well as our bodies are so often in the market-place that, unless we seek Thee, our souls are sad and weary. Amen.

MAR. THE MEMORY OF THE JUST READ PROVERBS 10:1-11 27

ONE hundred years ago today, Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen was born. Forty years later he discovered X-ray, surely one of the most important discoveries of modern times because of the immense

help it has been in the fields of medicine and surgery. It has been a boon to millions. It is to the credit of Roentgen that he refused to profit financially by his discovery. He allowed no company to be formed to commercialize what he wished to give to humanity. He was a modest, lovable man, kind and courteous. He blessed the world with an imperishable boon and his name liveth forever.

Lord, for all who have striven to help the suffering and to make this world a happier place in which to live, we give Thee thanks. Amen.

MAR. HAPPINESS FOR ALL READ MATTHEW 11:25-30 28

NOT long ago a lawyer committed suicide. When a child, he had suffered from infantile paralysis, which left him severely handicapped for life. He carried on bravely for sixty-two years but had never overcome a sense of bitterness and injustice. He left a letter in which he had written: "Surely no one, not even God, can condemn me for putting an end to my unhappy, useless life." We have nothing but sympathy for this poor man, but he was wrong. We know that no life need be unhappy and useless. Some of the happiest people in the world have overcome handicaps.

Lord, grant that all men, everywhere, may turn their faces to Thee; then shall Thy glory fill their souls. Amen.

MAR. TRIUMPHANT FAITH READ MATTHEW 11:1-13

THE late Dr. J. D. Jones, in commenting on this incident in the life of John the Baptist, wrote: "There are three stages in men's views of the world. The first stage is that of glowing optimism when everything seems rosy-that is the stage of ignorance. The second is that of a deep and brooding pessimism as one views the world's misery and sin-that is the stage of realism. The third is that of a calm faith, which does not ignore the hard and cruel facts but fully believes that good is the end of all-that is the stage of triumphant faith."

Thou knowest, Lord, how easily we lose our way and stumble into folly and sin. Save us from seeking elsewhere what Thou alone canst give. Amen.

MAR. ON A FIRM FOUNDATION READ 1 CORINTHIANS 16:9-14 30

ONE of the outstanding Christians of his generation was General Robert E. Lee. He won one exceedingly difficult battle—he overcame the prejudice of his enemies to such an extent that before his death he was as much esteemed in the CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945 . PAGE 60

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Lei PAGE North as in the South. During the closing years of his life this deeply religious man devoted himself to the task of healing the wounds of his people. A biographer, Robert Page, wrote: "He was a man consecrated to the source of his Divine Master and amid all conditions his mind was stayed upon Him." It was fitting that his favorite hymn should be: "How Firm a Foundation."

Lord, we would build, not upon shifting sands but upon the solid rock of Thy truth. Amen.

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SUMMING UP READ 1 TIMOTHY 4:7

WE HAVE just read a biography of Simon Bolivar; as he lay on his deathbed he repeated many times these words: "I have ploughed in the sea." That was a despondent view of his life because Bolivar accomplished much that was worthwhile. But there is always the possibility that with all our opportunities, life may be frittered away on frivolous things. and we may plough in the sea. We read of two souls in the Bible. One said: "I have played the fool and erred exceedingly." The other one said at the close of his life: "I have fought the good Which summing up shall be

Lord, may we not waste precious time in fruitless endeavors; may we follow not only the good but the highest and best.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

(Continued from page 50)

taken by him, indeed, loved him. Why did He test him so? Why didn't He make it a little easier for him to be His disciple? He was morally good, rich, respectful, influential. He could have added prestige to the apostolic circle.

Bitter medicine was the prescription of the Good Physician. "One thing thou lackest" was a hard saying for a proud young man who had been so meticulous about keeping all the provisions of the law. But Jesus had read him like an open book. There was conflict in his heart between earth and heaven. Impulses, like that which sent him to Jesus, often invited him to be generous, idealistic, spiritually minded. Then again the pull of his possessions would bring him back to earth. The comforts of this life became increasingly important. His possessions possessed him. God had a rival in his soul, such a love of money and of self that his heart was hardened against his neighbor's need. It was no patent medione Jesus prescribed, but a treatment measured out to his particular need. "Go, sell . . . give. . . ." before you become deaf to the whispers of the spirit and insensitive to the hunger of men.

Let us get this clear: Jesus will not PAGE 61 . CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945

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The artist Watts pictured the refusal of the young man as he turned away sorrowful. You cannot see his face, but every line of his figure expresses the battle with himself. A critic has commented that Watts painted "a sad back." The price of discipleship was too high. There stood something between him and Christ. And that is tragedy. Paul wrote, "For me to live is Christ." What is it for you to live?

Money is after all the symbol of self. Jesus tells us in no uncertain terms that to be His disciples we must deny self, that is, say "no" to self. We must be willing that self should die as on a cross. Not that there is any necessary value in negatives, but in order to be free of all that keeps us from saying "yes" to Jesus.

Some of the most inspiring stories of Christian self-denial come from our overseas missions. Many years ago, I read such a story in Harold Begbee's "Other Sheep." It was the story of a rich young man in India who had heard with stirring heart of Jesus and His love. He too felt the call "to sell all and follow Him." A few weeks later he came to the service again and at the invitation was just going forward when a gang of ruffians, sent by his parents, rushed him and carried him from the hall. Again weeks passed till he returned to tell how he had begun to "sell all." His mother, his tutor and his friends had done everything to dissuade him. He had remained true. Again it was weeks till he returned to tell how he had been taken to the Ganges and plunged in and when he had shouted, "Lord, wash me with Thy blood," they had beaten him nearly to death.

"I have begun to sell all" he said, and his face shone. Then, many weeks later. he had become so emaciated, ragged and bruised that he was hardly recognizable. But his voice was full of triumph as he told how his parents had declared him dead, had burned his effigy and buried the ashes as a sign that he did not exist to them. "If I met my father or my mother on the street, they would not make any sign of recognition," he said. "I have sold all, but I have my Lord and I am satisfied." How small the price we are called upon to pay, compared to that. And the reward is the privilege of discipleship. In the joy of His fellowship, the cost will be forgotten.

Questions:

What did Jesus mean when He emphasized the salutation "good master"? Consult the American Revision and other translations.

What do you think of Peter's question in Matthew 19:27? Is his fault common to our present-day Christians? What do you think of rewards for Christian service?

MAR. 18th JESUS' TEACHING ABOUT JUDGMENT READ-MATTHEW 25:31-46

DEEP within us something agrees to a division just as Jesus taught. How many figures of speech He used to illustrate the principle that men were either-or! They were for Him or against Him, gatherers or scatterers. There were the rock and the sand, the wheat and the tares, the narrow, straight way and the broad. crooked way, the white and the black, the goats and the sheep, the faithful servant and the unfaithful, and all might have been classified under the good and the bad. No, this is not an arbitrary division. made by the will of God. He does not place us in one class or the other as an Oriental prince would decide the fate of his people. God would have all men to be saved and His grace reaches out for all. Ultimately we are our own judges.

The parable of the Great Judgment is a terribly serious reminder that every man faces a day of reckoning. Bible students do not agree whether at death men go into a long "sleep" to awaken at one great and final judgment, or whether each of us finds his proper and permanent place at the moment of death. It really does not make much difference, so long as we understand that life here will end some day for each of us and the estimate of that life will be based on its quality. After that, Jesus knew of no second chance. The measure in which we share His spirit and accept the forgiving power of His love will be the basis of judgment. No wonder He was always calling on His disciples to "Watch and pray, for ye know not in what hour the Son of Man cometh." And again, "Be ye always ready!"

It is vastly disturbing to discover that both the good and the bad seemed unaware of the good and the evil in their lives. Goodness and badness are not on the surface of life. There is a great naturalness about the whole business of living. When love is in the heart we do not calculate selfishly whether we can afford to share our crust of bread with the hungry, or whether it will be inconvenient to visit the prisoner or the sick. Our hearts will be so full of thankfulness and love to God as revealed in Christ, that loving deeds follow as inevitably as the grapes grow on the vine. There is no

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that PAGE sense of pride in goodness like this. There is not even thought of credit in the day of reckoning. This is the love of Christ expressing itself with as much joy as though He Himself were before us in the person of the needy and lonely and unfortunate.

It is as we find outlet for our love of Christ in Christian service that we first really discover the joy of fellowship with That great-heart from India, Sadhu Sundar Singh, wrote: "I remember the night I was driven out of my home, the first night I had to spend in cold weather under a tree. Before this I had lived in a state of luxury in my own home. But I remember the wonderful joy and peace in my heart, the Presence of my Saviour. In the midst of luxuries and comforts I could not find peace in my heart, but the Presence of my Saviour changed all suffering into peace, and ever since I have felt His Presence."

When we go "all out for Christ" we first know what He meant when He said, "Lo, I am with you alway." Then we discovered Him where we least expect to find Him. He is the unseen guest in our homes, the man who works next to us in the factory or office, the hardfaced prisoner before the bar, the neglected child in the trailer-camp, the painlined face and misshapen figure upon the hospital cot, the wounded soldier on the battlefield-everywhere, always, where men need what we can share, there says Jesus, "Ye do it unto Me." With that motive to drive us on to unselfish service, life becomes a joyous adventure for and with Christ.

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List some of the qualities of sheep and goats that would cause them to be selected as symbols of the good and the bad.

Luther's question for every decision in life was. "What Will Almighty God think of it in the end?" Discuss.

"For Jesus' Sake." What do you think of that for a life motive?

MAR. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY
READ-MATTHEW 21:6-16

IHE King rode into His capital city in triumph on that first Palm Sunday. Not only were the Passover crowds sharing in this triumph, but prophets of Israel, long dead, were finding fulfillment, for their hopes. Their very words became the outlet for the hope of Israel in the reception to the Messiah. "Hosanna," meaning "Save we pray," is like the "God save the king" of our times. "Hosanna to the Son of David," "Blessed is he who cometh in the Name of the Lord," "Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the Name of the Lord,"

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"Blessed be the kingdom of our father David"-these were all expressions of rapture borrowed from the prophets. Indeed as the people shouted their welcome, we might see with dream's eye the skies filled with an invisible choir of living men and saints long dead. The living would include the multitudes healed and helped by Jesus. The dead would band together all the hopeful souls, the sages and poets, the men of good will, who through the ages had looked forward to this day. The shouts of the multitude were in the harmony of hope that found its keynote within the gates of heaven itself.

But there was much misunderstanding in Jesus' triumph that day. He was a king of peace, not of war. He would win His kingdom by love, not by force. He was meek, not proud. Royalty in His kingdom would be established on the basis of humility of spirit and service, not by prestige of blood or wealth or position. This was the meaning of His declaration before Pilate before the week was out: "My kingdom is not of this world." Prejudice foreshadowed a cross even in the midst of His triumph.

It had to be a passing triumph, for Jesus could not change and the earth-bounded expectations of Israel would not change. Something tells us that Judas was shouting loudest of all the apostles, for a spectacular entry like that promised popular support for a "real" kingdom. His hopes for the post of treasurer in the new cabinet, seemed at last within reach. It was men of Judas minds, the realists who had no appreciation for things of the spirit, men with no poetry in their souls and no sense of

God's present and providence, who insured the ultimate tragedy of that triumph.

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PERMANENCE too, was in that triumph. Many were there who would see the thing through to the very end. They would be puzzled and disturbed for they shared the universal hope of Israel for a rebirth of the nation into an empire even greater than that of Solomon. But they had love for their King greater than their prejudices. When they could not understand Him, they could still trust Him. The supreme sacrifice would be demanded of many of them for their loyalty. Peril and persecution would make life difficult and uncertain for them. Yet their faith would be justified and they would find this day of triumph symbolic of the triumph over sin and death their King would secure for them.

Passing or permanent, where would I find my place were I in the Palm Sunday crowd that day? Waving a palm branch, surely and shouting with lusty voice in the contagion of the crowd. But would His triumph in my heart be for keeps? It's a question that better find the right answer, isn't it?

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Questions:

Why do you think Jesus allowed this great popular triumph on the first Palm Sunday?

What immediately followed Jesus' triumphal entry? What was its significance?

Read the accounts of Palm Sunday in the other three gospels and note what they add to the Matthew story. Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-44; John 12:12-19.

#### MISS BARTON'S BOARDERS

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and waved me grandly toward the outer

door.
"Let's go, dear lady," he said gallant-

ly. "Black coffee, eh? Lead on, lead on." A curtain fluttered in the Applegarths' cottage across the street as Mr. Walker and I stepped out onto the hotel porch, and I turned my head to see whether the inquisitive old grande dame was noting my progress with my tubby little escort, too. But, to my surprise, the rocking chair she had occupied was empty . . . the whole porch was empty. No majestic figure was in sight down the whole length of Main Street, either, so the old lady must have gone back into the hotel, though how she accomplished that so quickly and so quietly, cane and all, that I had failed to see or hear her, was a

Not that it bothered me in the least. I was too busy herding Mr. Walker, my prize, into the car. But I was to recall that quick disappearance act later. . . .

I don't know a prettier sight than our lakeside on a bright June morning, and

as Mr. Walker informed me that he was unacquainted with this part of New York State, I spent most of the time during our short drive in pointing out various beauty spots. Camel's Hump mountain across the lake . . . a distant glimpse of the islands known as the Four Brothers . . . Colonial houses older, even, than mine in the town itself. He nodded, not saying much, and grunted with approval as we passed the last house on Main Street and struck the country road.

"Much farther?" he asked.

"Only a quarter of a mile. All this," I pointed, "was once part of the Barton homestead. But I had a grandfather with a get-rich-quick complex, and he sold the land for building lots eighty years ago. It hasn't been built on yet. I still own a few acres and the old manor house, itself. Mr. Walker, you'll call me a sentimental old fool, but that house means so much to me that I've slaved all my life to keep it, instead of selling it for enough to live on in comfort. I've taught a district school for twenty-odd years, but this fall they're closing my

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school, so I'll have to take summer boarders now. That's why I came after you."
"I see." My companion smiled rather

"I see." My companion smiled rather nicely. "Let's say I'd just call you sentimental, period. You're far from old, Miss Barton, in the eyes of a withered affer like myself, and you're certainly no fool. I admire your good New England gumption, and if this is your house I see ahead of us, I like its looks, too."

"This is my house," I said, turning into the driveway. "It was built for a family boasting four sons and five daughters and has fourteen unused rooms filled with hideous but comfortable Victorian furniture. Another mistake my grandfather made—"

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"What . . . the nine kids?" Mr. Walker chuckled.

"Lands, no," I said. "That was no mistake. They all turned to and supported him. I mean I could weep, thinking of the lovely old mahogany pieces he threw away when he spent his real-estate money on black walnut and horsehair. But come in. Bill Crosby, my farmer, has breakfast on the table."

Mr. Walker certainly appreciated that breakfast, set out temptingly on one of my snowy old damask cioths, and as he buttered his sixth hot biscuit, he told me what his needs would be. Four bedrooms, if I had two with twin beds, a private sitting room for the use of the company, and a bath.

"I can manage all that easily," I said.
"Now, who's coming, and what about

My guests, I learned, would be, in addition to Mr. Walker, his tenor soloist, Claude Gillinghurst, the Dunbar sisters, charming girls, and a child violinist and her mother.

"How old a child?" I asked.

Mr. Walker winked. "Baby Elaine," he said, "is ten—on the program. Now let's have a look at the rooms."

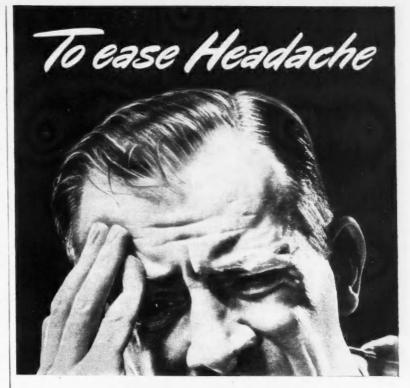
We did so, and after I had agreed to provide a late breakfast and a midnight supper for the group, we settled for a weekly rate which sounded ample to me. It wasn't, but . . . live and learn. My guests would arrive the following aftermoon, giving me time to make any needed preparations, and as I waved goodby to Mr. Walker, who had elected to stroll back to the village, I was feeling pretty proud of myself.

But my self-satisfaction received a jolt almost immediately. For as I turned to go back into the house, one of the town taxis stopped at my gate, and who should descend from it but the white-haired dame in black satin.

She beckoned to me imperiously, and as I approached somewhat resentfully, she croaked in a harsh foreign voice, "I am Madame Zaida Rodinoff. I wish to become a guest here. You will show me rooms at once, yes?"

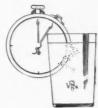
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#### BUT SWEET WILL BE THE FLOWER

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things like this can happen, and people take them as a matter of course. I'm going back to Galveston."

"Sure," he said, "I've been thinking for some time that you ought to go back and visit your folks."

"It won't be a visit," she said. "I'm going for good."

"You mean you're leaving me?" he asked quietly.

"No, not you. This country. I hate it. It's cruel, and hard. There's no need for you to stay in it. You know Pa has begged you to come work in his store."

"No," he told her simply. "I couldn't do that. This is my home. I'd feel the same way about Galveston that you do about this place.'

"Oh, Bert," she cried. "Why do you like it so. It's horrible!"

"Right now it might not be so much," he confessed. "But I keep thinking of what it can be. People coming out, making homes for themselves. Crops growing, to feed a hungry world. Schools and churches. An empire, free to grow up its own way. What was it the circuit rider had us singing? Something about the bud having a bitter taste, but the flower would be sweet. That's what I like about this country. It will flower some day, just you wait and see. Give the country a chance. You'll learn to love it some day, just as I do."

"I hate it." Her fury rose up, strangled her. "I'll always hate it. And I can't stay-I won't stay-

"Listen, Chloe," Bert began earnestly, "I told you what it was like before you came. Is there anything different? Worse than I told you?"

She began to cry, and he put his arms around her, pulled her close. She stood in the circle of his arm, resting there. And finally she was quiet once more.

"Bert," she asked softly, "if I find-if I know I can't come back out here, will you come to Galveston to stay?"

She thought he would never answer. He looked beyond her, miles beyond, to where the purple-rimmed horizon met the dun earth.

"Yes," he finally said. "Yes-I suppose I would-"

CHLOE RODE along the trail that led from Sarah's dugout. She had been over to say good-by to her friend.

"I'm going back to Galveston," she

"That's good," Sarah told her. "You need a visit with your folks. It's been pretty hard on you out here. But hurry back-autumn is nice out here-

Sarah wore the same look Bert did when he talked about the country-eyes and spirit running ahead of reason, plan-

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ADDRESS CITY STATE ning the great things that were to come, ignoring the discomforts of the moment.

"When are you going?" Sarah asked. "As soon as Bert can drive me over to eatch the train. He's been putting me

"He's been busy," Sarah defended him.
"All the men are. Fighting prairie fires. If one got started, it would mean no winter feed for the cattle. I've seen them burn eighty miles before they were stopped.

"What do you do to stop them?" Chloe asked her, even as she had asked

Slats, the cowboy.

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"Fight them, with whatever comes handy. I remember once one started close to our house. A strip of carpeting Ma had just brought home from the weaver was out front. We beat it out with that-Ma and us kids. It ruined the carpet, but it saved the grass."

Then they talked of other things, and presently Chloe was riding home, alone, her mind miles away, back home in Galveston. Suddenly her horse raised his head, neighed shrilly. Wise old plains horse, he sensed something wrong. She turned her head to see what it might be-rattlesnake, lobo, or stranger. The sight that met her eyes was worse than any of these.

A prairie fire!

It was not, as yet, a big fire, but already it had begun to spread, fan-wise, in the tinder-like grass. It was west of the trail, and the wind was in the west. Tenderfoot that she was, even she could see the advantage there. But already sparks were licking across, over into the grass on the other side of the trail.

She considered what to do. The fire lay between her and her own dugout. There was none between her and Sarah's place. She could, if she wished, ride back there, towards safety. Even though the fire was still small, it was too large for her, in her ignorance of fire fighting, to cope with. If she knew where Bert was, she could ride for him. But between her and her husband there had grown up a strange silence since her determination to leave this country for good. No longer did she know exactly where he went, or what he did once he got there

The fire reached out, caught some little mesquite bushes. The flames licked them hungrily, turned them into a scarlet beacon for a moment, then left them black and smouldering skeletons.

Her trees! They too lay in the path of the fire. She had watered them and tended them as a mother would a frail child, until they were personalities to her, more real than the people she had met out here. She had made them grow against their will, take root in a strange and alien country.

She slipped from her horse. Fragments of things she had heard about prairie MGE 67 . CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945



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fires came back to her. "-burned eighty miles once . . . there was a Miz Frisbee and she made a backfire . . . we beat it out with Ma's new carpet-"

She pulled off her long riding skirt, whacked a small blaze with it. It flickered, smoked, died down. Small though it was, she was exhilarated at putting it out. She hurried to another. A spark flew across the trail, landed in a spot she had just beaten out and died uselessly. Now maybe if she could watch this firekeep it from traveling in the direction of her own dugout-maybe she could be the same sort of person Mrs. Frisbee and Sarah had been. A spurt of flame here. and she was at it; a flash farther down. and she was there.

It was too much for her, though. The fire was growing, in spite of all she could do. The heat was intense, crisping her skin. The soles of her feet burned unmercifully through her thin shoes, as if there were nothing at all between her bare feet and the smouldering grass. But she fought on. And, strangely, it was not the trees alone she thought of now.

She did not hear hoofs pounding down the trail; she did not know Bert was there till she heard his voice.

"Chloe-" he cried, "-get out of this. Go home-Slats and I will put it out-She stood up to face him.

"I started this job," she told him, "-and I'm staying-until this fire is

She brought her riding skirt down with a thump on a fresh flame at her feetsmall victories against the enemy.

CHLOE LAY on the bunk in her own dugout, watching through the open window, a blue and rose and mauve twilight creep across the prairie. It was pleasantly cool now, since the sun was down: the fire Bert had lighted to brew coffee and heat food did not seem at all out of order.

There seemed to be no end to the prairie she looked out upon. It might go on, unceasing and undiminished, to the world's end, for all she knew or could see. Galveston, and all the sheltered life her girlhood had known, faded into unreality as she considered the prairie's dimensions. The smell of burnt grass hung in the air, but now it was an odor bereft of fear. For Bert and Slats had come in time, and put the fire out. The winter's feed was safe. The pain of her bandaged hands was nothing, compared to this fact.

She turned to watch Bert as he moved quietly about the little room, feeling that she saw it for the first time. The dark gleam of table and chairs; the glistening of window glass in the waning light. Dishes bright upon the corner shelf Bert had built. The scarlet cushion she had sewed for his favorite chair. A thousand and one details, woven into the

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very fabric of her life. And Bert's life. There was no separating their lives now, or their destinies. Together they had built themselves into this house, so that it was a symbol of their oneness.

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The dugout was one of the things they had saved from the fire. Feed for the cattle was another. It did not even seem strange now that she should think of these first, and the trees after them.

Bert moved slowly toward her, saw she was awake.

"Hands still paining?" he asked.

"No-the pain's gone-just about."

"I'm sorry about your trip," he said miserably. "You-you wouldn't want to go now, all burned up like this. What made you stay and fight it, Chloe? You should have turned and gone back to Sarah's."

Why had she fought it? She went searching back into the dim recesses of her memory. Only this afternoon, yet what eons ago it seemed. What had made her get off her horse and begin the fight? She opened her mouth to say, "I couldn't let my trees burn, Bert."

But she stopped before the words came. She looked out the window at the country she had once despised. Big it certainly was, but promising and challenging as well. As Bert had said-there would be homes and schools and churches here some day. Crops would grow and furnish feed for hungry millions. A new country it was, but never an easy country. Never that.

It was a good enemy. That was the secret. After one had fought it, one knew that. Only the strong accepted its challenge and gloried in the fight. No matter how great the battle, the rewards would be greater, if one had the patience to wait. She knew, suddenly how all pioneer women must feel, led on, not by love of their men alone, but by faith in the land toward which they had set their faces. All these things she knew, but all she said to Bert was,

"I couldn't let the grass burn, Bert. I didn't want you to have to sell your cattle."

"If I'm going to Galveston with you, I'll have to sell them anyway." he told her, not looking at her.

"I'm not going to Galveston, 'Bert." He looked at her. "You mean-" he asked uncertainly.

"I mean I'm staying right here, Bert. I don't want to leave you, or the country. If you don't want me to make a mess of running this ranch, you'd better

He said, his voice shot through with wonder, with unbelief, and love, "Chloe -darling-"

Far off in the distance a lonely coyote howled mournfully. It was a heartbreaking sound, the essence of all the vast loneliness of this lonely land.

Funny, she didn't mind it a bit, now! PAGE 69 . CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945

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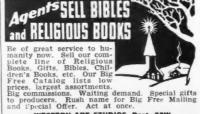
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Prayer is good, says Burkhart: the spiritual comes first, but after that, something more must be added. The Church, he says, is not doing its best until it makes use of every last weapon of science and the character-building art it can get its hands on. Until, for instance, it makes use of medicine, psychiatry and psychology. He tells of one young executive who worked in a firm that was controlled by others but in which he had a very secure place:

"This fellow felt something of the pressure of those who are related to the controlling interest of the company. Like the poor golfer, he had gotten into the habit of trying too hard. He pushed himself. He not only packed his waking hours with work, but he carried his work to bed. He developed habits of sleeping fitfully and of rising two or three times in the night to write down ideas and work out plans. More and more he permitted his subconscious mind to work on problems and plans even while he slept.

"As time went on, he developed permanent habits of strain, he began to look weary habitually. He was on the job while awake and while asleep. The re-

sult was a gradual onset of high blood pressure. This continued until finally it shot up over 200. His doctor sent him to a clinic for a week and the blood pressure went down to 140, but upon returning to his office again it was back up to 200 in an hour.

"Here was a deep habit of overstrain. This man was enslaved by the desire to be super-perfect. Freedom came to him by learning to substitute overstrain with keeping tension out of his muscles. Gradually he came to a deep assumption that he had the appreciation of many of the people whom he felt before were against him. He learned to sense the difference between himself as a spiritual being and as a physical body, so that he could achieve a sense of withdrawal from his body. He found freedom from an association in which certain mental attitudes called forth certain bodily symptoms. He came to the feeling that there was something greater in the universe than he and just as his body is sustained by provision from the Creator, so his spirit can be sustained by resources available if he will appropriate them. He came gradually to feel led in his work. He brought his best and let the universe guide him. He came to feel God-led and gradually he found himself working throughout the day with the rhythm of the good golf stroke.'

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The executive was one of his "high-pressure boys," as Dr. Burkhart calls them. The pastor knows all the tricks of the psychologist and the psychiatrist, and he has taught most of them to his staff of personal counsellors. Nor does he forget prayer as a means to the end. In this church there are thirty-two prayer circles; nobody knows everyone in all thirty-two circles, except the chairman. Even Dr. Burkhart does not know them. When the need comes, two people are asked to call the chairmen of the circles. That becomes an endless chain, too, as others begin to pray. It is a collective, community adaptation of the Roman Catholic nun who prays around the clock, year in and year out. A slogan has caught on around the church: "Every time the clock strikes, pray for the boys." Off the sanctuary is a little prayer-room, large enough for one, with a door that shuts tight, and an altar, and an atmosphere. The room looks

All the effort in this church is not within the four walls of the building; a lot of it spreads far into the community, and beyond. There are two people whom the church helps support, doing a fulltime job of week-day religious instruction in the public schools-with the advice and consent of the parents. There is a Village Little Theatre; a Lectureship Series through the year, offering this year such names as Elliott Janeway, Jan Struther, Duncan Aikman, Hubert PAGE 71 . CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945



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They are missionary minded. On the budget (a \$65,000 budget), we find money spent for the "Beyond The Church" program; donations to the International Council of Religious Education, the Federal Council of Churches. Moorhouse College, the Ohio Council of Churches, Bennet College, the War Service budget, the American Friends Service Committee, the YMCA in China, Lignon University in China, the support of definite efforts toward the union of Christians. It all stacks up quite favorably with most denominational churches.

Some there are who say it is all due to the presence of a great preacher in this pulpit. It is great because it is preaching aimed at human need. You don't hear much here about the South Galatian Theory or the debates of the Synod of Dort; you hear a lot aimed at the problems of the man in the 1945 street. A sermon on health grew out of long consultation with a doctor, a dentist and a psychiatrist. A sermon on race relations grew out of local situations and conversations. The personality charts of the church school offer sermons without end; so do the marital disturbances, the family break-ups, the juvenile rebellions of the community-sans, always, names and personalities. The sermons deal with the timely, but also with the timeless. It is strong stuff and it is not for the faint-hearted and it has made of Burkhart one of the real pulpit voices of

There are few errors in his preaching, and there is a good reason for that. Dr. Burkhart has a Sermon Committee (the only committee, incidentally, which he appoints personally, in the whole organization); on it are two engineers, a lawyer, a labor leader, an employer and an employee, a housewife, a medical student, a professor, Democrats, Republicans, Mugwumps, liberals, conservatives. On Friday they receive a carbon of the next Sunday's sermon; they read it, mark their criticisms and suggestions along the margins and get it back to the preacher by Saturday night. Some of those comments are enough to make an ordinary preacher's hair stand up and stay up. One will write beside a paragraph: "This is old stuff. Heard it 'til I'm sick of it." Or at the end of the sermon another writes: "You don't march-don't get anywhere. Just words, words, words."

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Neither the Almighty nor Lady Luck ever showered them lavishly with peculiar talent or resource. Yes, they have money and leadership and a good community-but so have thousands of other churches. They had none of that when this thing began; they started from scratch, with nothing, and they developed every bit of it. They have nothing here that any other church can't get. All they have done is to merge the great common allegiances and faiths which all men hold. All they have done is-to unite!

A KEY IN HIS HAND

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here? I felt for my wallet. It was gone! I leaped out of bed, searched every pocket. No wallet. I looked on the bed, tore the bedclothes off, looked underneath the bedstead; I searched every corner of the cubicle. Nothing.

I had either lost the wallet during that night's spree, or my pocket had been picked or I had been "rolled" while I lay asleep somewhere in a drunken stupor. Sven? No, Sven wouldn't take it. 'But where was he? I ran downstairs, asked the sleazy, bored attendant at the "desk." "Is Sven Larson here?" "Who?" Sven Larson." "Never heard of him."

I told him Sven must have come in with me last night. The attendant wasn't here then; he was the day man; he came in at 8 a.m. Furthermore, all of last night's "guests" had left. I was the last one.

I went back to the cubicle. Sven was gone. Well, maybe he could "take it" better than I could. He probably took me here last night and then went to his own hotel uptown. (I learned much ater that was exactly what had hap-AGE 73 . CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945



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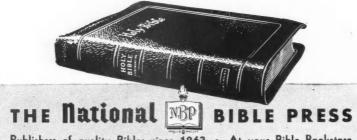
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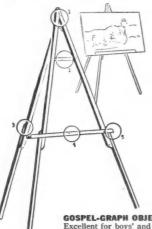
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pened. I "passed out," and Sven thought he had better take me to the nearest bed to sleep it off. He went uptown and took a morning plane west. He was sorry . . !)

But my money was gone! I searched my pockets again and found some change -less than a dollar. Not even enough to buy a railroad ticket home.

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Home . . . Jenny. Dear God, what must she be thinking now? I remembered vaguely phoning her early last evening, and saying that I was bringing Sven home with me. Of course she would be worried-I had never done anything like this before: I had never given Jenny the slightest cause for anxiety; I had rarely taken a drink, and never had I drunk to

I must go home-immediately.

But how? I didn't have the train fare: besides I couldn't face Jenny looking as I did and feeling as I did. I was sick: every bone in me ached; my head was on fire, my tongue and throat were dry and swollen. And my clothes! They were wrinkled, dusty, stained and torn. Somewhere I had lost my tie and my hat. (The micrometer I had had so much trouble finding-that, of course, had vanished too.)

Fortunately there was no mirror in the cubicle or in the primitive washroom, so that I didn't know how appalling my face looked. I washed as best I could and left the flophouse. At the first lunch counter, I drank three cups of hot black coffee. They had little or no effect upon

I shuffled off along the Bowery . . along the Bowery in the lattice-work of yellow sunlight and blue shadow under the El; shuffled along with the broken men of the Bowery. And I passed these men, staggering out of saloons, asleep in doorways, panhandling, standing in groups exchanging a stained shirt for some razor blades, a greasy sweater for a handful of cigarettes-as I passed by them, a burning question tore through the mists of my mind: "Had I really joined this dismal, gloom-ridden legion of lost souls?"

Shame gripped me then. Oh, I was suddenly so ashamed of myself. How could I return to Jenny and the children? They loved Nils Swenson, the clean-living, upright businessman-not the man who was now plodding along in the blue shadows . . . not the newest member of that hapless band of broken souls on the street of forgotten men.

I couldn't go home . . .

I NEVER WILL be able to account for the next six weeks. I was on the Bowery only six weeks, but they seemed like six thousand years. I wanted to forget my cowardice, my shame, and there seemed to be only one way for me to forget-to get "stiff;" to get myself so drunk that

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my mind refused to function, to where I couldn't hear the still, accusing voice of my heart. Day followed day in a mad delirium; I went lower and lower. I sold the very clothes off my back, to get enough money to put myself out for a few hours; I put on cheap, secondhand dungarees and I slept wherever I happened to drop. I know: I was a fool and it was madness-but have you ever been too ashamed to face your wife and kids?

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I took all the drinks I could beg, borrow or steal; they gave me a few minutes' rest and they lifted my hopes to the skies-and then, in the red aftermath. those hopes were dashed to the gutter again and smashed in a thousand pieces. One day I tried panhandling, but it didn't work. I just wasn't meant for a panhandler; I gave up that idea at the first "touch.

At the end of the first two weeks, I went in to the Mission one night, to get a warm bowl of soup in my screaming stomach. Yes, I sat through the service in the chapel, but I was in too much of a daze to know what was going on, or to hear anything that was being said or sung. I supposed my background wouldn't have made me very receptive to that service, anyway; I'm ashamed, now, to think of how little I went to church before I crashed on the Bowery. Maybe if I'd paid more attention to that before it all happened, it never would have hap-

After that first bowl of soup, I began turning up regularly at the night Mission service; here was food, free, for a penniless coward. There was something quieting about it, too; they have an organ down there that just kind of says, "Peace, be still!" to your soul. I liked to sit and listen to that. I even picked up a hymnbook and sang a song or two. I began to listen a little to the man named Bolton, up on the platform.

I got there early, the night they slipped the key into my hand. The first ten rows were roped off; I fought my way through the crowd and got a seat in the first pew behind the roped-off section. When that special section began filling up, and I got a good look at one after another of the well-dressed, clean, square-shouldered men who were sitting there, something began to snap in my mind. I had been like them, once! Only six weeks back. They wore the clean white shirts I wore; their shoes were polished; their heels hit the floor as if they knew where they were going-not like mine. Then one fellow came in with his kids, and sat right in front of me. Two girls. With their mother. I couldn't take e Bowery my eyes off those kids. You don't see d like six many clean young children on the Bow-

> I began to mumble the names of my family. "Jenny . . . Margit . . . Elsa .. " What were they doing tonight? MGE 75 . CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945

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No word from their father for six weeks! Oh how I missed them!

Rev. Bolton began asking for men to come forward and accept the Savior. He quoted a verse from The Book:

Seek we first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you . . .

"Seek ve first the Kingdom . . ." Was it too late for me to seek that?

Two ragged men went forward. As they turned to the audience to announce their acceptance of Christ, I could see the spark of hope in their eyes.

The leader urged more to come forward. The organ played softly, "Give yourself to Jesus, let Him cleanse you of your sins in His blood. Let Him share your cares, your troubles.'

Oh, Jenny, Margit, Elsa . . .

"Now is the time . . . come, come . . . " I wanted to go up, but I couldn't. I up to the altar . . . but I must . . . I must . . .

THEN, ALL OF A SUDDEN, I couldn't take it any more. I dropped my head and fell forward on the pew ahead of me, and my heart broke and the tears swent up out of it . . . Tom Roberts, who is a member of the Mission staff, rushed over and knelt beside me. I was strong enough, big enough, to have picked him up and thrown him out of the window, but he picked me up and led me down the aisle. And I turned around to face that crowd of human wrecks and shouted,

"I quit! I accept the Lord Christ, and I'll serve him until the day I die!'

The next day, they sent for Jenny, and the girls . . .

THAT WAS Nils Swenson's story, just as he told it to me the other night. I sat beside him at the annual Convert's Reunion Banquet - which is another story, and a great one. Right across the table from us sat Jenny, and Margit, and Elsa-the happiest mother and the proudest, prettiest young girls I have seen in a long time. They were proud. So was I. So was Bolton. So was Tom Roberts, who had slipped the Key to the Kingdom of God into this man's hand, and helped him open a door that let him out of hell into heaven.

When the banquet was over, we sang our last hymn and put on our overcoats and went out into the street again, where we moved through the sea of human wreckage that keeps coming, coming, coming, like a never-ending tide. They were old men and young men, "habituals" and newcomers like Nils, who had made one shameful mistake and who just somehow couldn't face the folks back home, who only needed someone to . . . slip the Key into their hands . . .

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of operating Hitler's 'divide and conquer' technique if we had been paid Nazi agents. Was this a wise use of freedom of speech?"

Denny turned his chair and took a book from a shelf behind him. His friendly blue eyes kindled as he read:

'At a mass meeting, thought is eliminated. What you tell people in a mass, in a receptive state of fanatic devotion, will remain like words received under a hypnotic influence, ineradicable and impervious to every reasonable explana-

He snapped the book shut. "Hitler wrote those words. And he used that technique. Our Town Hall is an educational method designed to fight such thoughts. It is the deadly foe of the partisan, high-pressure mass meeting: in place of hypnotism, spellbinding and appeals to prejudice, Town Hall attempts to substitute tolerance, reason and justice."

Although this Blue Network program reaches a most appreciative audience of millions each Thursday, there are millions more who may not hear it. What about them? How can they be reached?

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And religion? We knew that Town Hall avoided extended treatment of the topic, not because Denny and his staff are afraid of a full-length discussion, but for fear that too many Methodists and Baptists and Presbyterians and Jews and Catholics would not be able to see both sides of the question. Clergymen have appeared many times on programs dealing with issues affecting religion. Almost every topic selected by Denny has its relative or direct significance in the spiritual life. As an Episcopalian layman, what did Denny think?

"Religion can play the leading role in our democracy," he said emphatically. "Democracy too often operates on a pragmatic system which falls short of its goal. This rationalism must reach far beyond this materialism and touch essentials based on religious concepts. Then we really start for the peaks of highest human achievement, with a seven-day-aweek religion which goes into the marketplace and reaches everyone."

We talked of other phases of radio's Town Hall and mention was made of some audience participants who lived up to the old adage, "No one is such a liar s an indignant man."

Denny laughed. "Indignation and de-PAGE 77 . CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945



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termination can be mixed satisfactorily," he said. "The last thing I would want to advocate is the fence-straddling method of discussion which might find speakers and audience too polite to hold any one point of view. Complete agreement doesn't lead to intelligent discussion."

We wondered if Town Hall permitted speakers to espouse a system of government which did not believe in free speech. We asked the moderator if Earl Browder, chairman of the American Communist Party, had ever appeared on the program.

"Of course," he said. "We've had several Communist speakers, since we try to get points of view from leaders of all groups. Speaking personally, I wasn't much impressed with Browder. And frankly, I'm alarmed over the dangers of Communism. Their entire program, which first of all would eliminate any opposition to their views, is dedicated to disunity and disruption. 'Divide and rule' is their motto. I'm against any party or group which proposes that method."

For a decade Denny has been moderator of almost 500 nation-wide programs with topics touching almost every phase of life and thought. At least half a million have formed his visible audience, with untold millions of radio listeners. What qualities of character does a moderator need?

"A sense of humor. Objectivity. Tolerance. And quick thinking."

He needs them. When you have such diverse speakers as Earl Browder, Frank Gannett, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and James W. Gerard, a moderator is more of a ringmaster or a referee, or in rare cases, a sergeant-at-arms.

As any Town Hall fan knows, the program is introduced with two or more speakers, nationally recognized as leaders in their fields. Each delivers a timed, introductory speech. When the time for audience participation approaches, Denny leaps into action. He can parry insulting questions with humor, quiet a fanatic and silence the man who protests that there is no free speech in America by telling him that this is his opportunity to be heard in forty-eight states.

Denny doesn't hesitate to put the featured speakers in their places if they run over the time limit or become personal in their remarks to the opponent. He has, in extreme cases, ordered the program off the air. He stops senators, industrialists and labor leaders alike if they violate the rules of discussion and good taste.

"I hope you haven't drawn the wrong inference from some of my remarks," he said. "The average audience is really swell and under our method of two-sidesto-every-question, I think such discussion has brought out the best in ninety percent of the audiences I've known."

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Occasionally, one of those in the remaining ten percent grabs the floor "mike," refuses to release it and screams invective. Then Denny leaps to the edge of the platform, and like a modern Isaiah warns the offender to "hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast."

Only six times in ten years has Denny been forced to order listeners to leave the hall. He considers that an apt commentary on the tolerance and good man-

ners of Americans.

The stocky, handsome Denny was born forty-five years ago in Washington, North Carolina. He went to the University of North Carolina and later worked for Columbia University in New York. While there the League for Political Education invited him to join its staff. This organization had been formed by a group of women to provide adult education by means of lectures. Later it branched out into the Town Meeting of the Air and Denny was named director of its radio, lecture and music division.

He likes the job. He likes Americans. And he likes people who will open their minds, give their opinions and listen to

the other fellow's.

"I have a great deal of faith in those independents I spoke about before," he said. Those who are tied to no political party or pressure group. Through education and discussion, they are looking forward to a post-war America where tolerance and justice and freedom will not be mere campaign slogans.

"Define freedom? Perhaps it's the Godgiven right of men to think for themselves. Dictators don't permit it. The town meeting does. It played a part in the founding of this country, and will continue to play a part in preserving the principles upon which this nation rests. Perhaps it will have a really great influence in finding an American philosophy which will be the model for the world."

MY FATHER WROTE . . .

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the singing of his own hymns.

I remember one Sunday at Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, when Russell Conwell, famous preacher and author of "Acres of Diamonds," in that impressive way of his, told a packed congregation that his friend, William G. Fischer, was present. He pointed out where Father was sitting, called upon him to stand up and asked the congregation to look at him for a moment and then to sing his hymn. Many around me had wet eyes at the end of that singing.

Experiences like that were frequent happenings. Down South . . . out West .. up North . . . down East . . . he would be recognized and called from the

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religious meetings, held in the old freight depot that stood where the Wanamaker store now stands in Philadelphia, my father led a chorus of more than a thousand voices. Soon after Moody's death, the Evangelical Alliance of Philadelphia arranged to hold memorial services for Mr. Moody in the Baptist Temple. Cyrus B. Foss, Bishop of Pennsylvania: Ira D. Sankey, Mr. Moody's collaborator in the revivals; Dr. Floyd Tompkins, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and John Wanamaker were among those, prominent in religious circles, who took part. And my father had the inspiration to summon for that occasion, everyone available who had made up his Moody and Sankey chorus of a quarter-century before. Some had moved from Philadelphia, some had died, but about eight hundred of the original thousand came and sang. It was known as "The Moody choir of 1875." The old hymns were sung. The old spirit was aroused.

When Father wrote "I Love to Tell the Story," in 1869, another prominent hymnwriter eulogized it as "The hymn of the period." Today, seventy-six years later, it is still included in the hymnbooks of every denomination: it is still sung round the world. I had it printed in Christian Chinese hymnals, adapted to Chinese voices. I had it printed in South African hymnals for the Zulus. In Polish hymnals. And in many other hymnals of many other lands. Wherever Christian missionaries went, they took that hymn.

Let me tell you how my father wrote the chorus. The words of the hvinn, as you know, were written by Kate Hankey. Father had carried the words around with him for some time. He had written the melody and harmonized it, but somehow it had never seemed quite rounded out to him. Finally one night he could not sleep, and in his wakefulness the refrain came to him like an inspiration.

I think it is probably the most famous of all the hymns he wrote. But I think you know a great many of his other hymns too. "Whiter than Snow." "I am Trusting, Lord, in Thee," "A Little Talk with Jesus," "Infinite Love," "The Valley of Blessing," "I am Coming to the Cross," "The Rock that is Higher than I," "Waiting at the Pool," and "My Bud in Heaven.'

I have heard his "Whiter than Snow" fairly shouted by the Salvation Army down in the slums-how that "Wash me. and I shall be whiter than snow" rang out! I have heard vast auditoriums thunder out "I Am Coming to the Cross." I have heard women's voices render with exquisite tenderness "My Bud in Heaven." I have heard male quartets sing "Belov'd, now are we the sons of God and it doth not yet appear what we shall be," which is one of the loveliest things my father ever wrote and one of the last.

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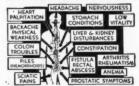


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#### IMMORTAL QUAKER

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maturing as growing a beard, having paid high for his religious convictions by extreme discomfort in appallingly dirty jails and prisons, suddenly finds himself independently wealthy, the door open to an agreeable, safe—and perfectly decent—existence as a member of the English gentry. We all know what most of us would have done, which way most of us would have turned.

What William Penn did was to resolve to use all he had and was to make it safer for men and women to follow the deepest leadings of their own consciences. And this he did for all the rest of his life,

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Like the Pilgrim Fathers, his mind turned towards America as a possible refuge from persecution on religious gounds. But unlike the Puritans, his ideal was not to secure a place of safety only for people who thought just as he did about man's spiritual life, his idealalmost incredible for any man of the Seventeenth Century-was to found a mety where every man and woman would be free to believe what his congience, gravely and earnestly consulted, told him was true. And where everyone had a fair share in shaping the government under which he lived. If they were not matters of facts, recorded a thousand times over, in the early history of Pennstvania, we would scarcely credit as rue William Penn's political democracy nd religious tolerance.

His burning religious ardor did not inbefere with his practical good sense and ingenuity. That matter of his claim for a meat sum of money, loaned by his father the King-he turned it to account with as shrewd a divination of the King's haracter as though he, Penn, had been rought up a bargaining merchant. Charles II consistently spent more money han he had. Nobody was simpleminded mough to expect him to return a cash an in cash. But to ask him to stop in is self-indulgent life long enough to sign may with a stroke of his pen, land that had never seen and had no interest in, hat might succeed. The King had the 19-90 about hundreds—thousands—of tile acres in the New World. William m asked for and received the return his father's loan in the shape of about ty-eight thousand square miles of land fertile, as favorable for settlers as any the globe.

AND THERE we have the young idealist, imprietor of the whole province, surme governor, in another of the most bing, soul-searching situations which confront any idealist—with the interestital to realize, in action, in man life, his ideal of human conduct. Bid any man who ever lived, I won-

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#### PRISON PATRIOTS

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has so far been justified. Their military record compares favorably with that of ordinary inductees. New Jersey has kept a careful record of the 4500 parolees and probationers it has allowed to enter the service. Less than fifty have been dishonorably discharged. Four have been awarded the Purple Heart, one the Air Medal. One man has risen to a captaincv; six have become lieutenants; seventyfour, sergeants or corporals.

The records from other states tell similar stories-like the one of Jack (that isn't his name) who, single-handed, captured a Nazi machine-gun nest; or Bob, who rescued a wounded comrade in the face of enemy fire; or Bill who, all by himself, cleaned out a bothersome Japanese pillbox.

But not all the prison heroes are at the front. There is Dan Donahue, for example. Dan, a lifer at Eastern Penitentiary, recently gave a large area of his skin to save the life of a nine-year-old girl who had been badly burned. The grafting operation, an extremely painful one for the doner, did not keep Dan on the sidelines very long. As soon as doctors would allow it, he insisted on returning to work-and staying on the job until 9:30 every evening-to help meet a war-order deadline. Fellow inmates. inspired by Donahue's sacrifice, formed a skin bank upon which several calls have already been made.

Somewhere over one of our battlefronts flies the "Spirit of St. Germain." The "Spirit" is a heavy bomber named for Arthur St. Germain, a Massachusetts prisoner who volunteered for a dangerous medical experiment and died as a result of it. War bonds purchased by prisoners paid for this bomber. The name was suggested by a fellow inmate who won a \$100 bond for his suggestion. He promptly turned the bond over to the dead prisoner's mother. St. Germain has since won a posthumous pardon.

Three hundred and seventeen inmates of the New Jersey State Prison volunteered to take a new vaccine test for encephalitis lethargica-the dread sleeping sickness-for U. S. Army doctors. Almost the whole population of the El Reno, Oklahoma, Federal Penitentiary, about three hundred men, are taking gas gangrene toxoid inoculations for experimental purposes. Prisoners who volunteer as guinea pigs for these experiments are on their own, for they must sign waivers relieving everyone except themselves of responsibility. Admiral Stephenson of the Navy says, "These men are equally as heroic as the volunteers who participated in the research on yellow fever during the Spanish-American War."

At the Alderson, West Virginia, Reformatory for Women, inmates gather CHRISTIAN HERALD MAR. 1945 . PAGE 84

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At some military recreation hut in New Guinea or Guadalcanal, a couple of our boys may be bent over a game of checkers, or paddling a ping-pong ball. It is quite possible they are using one of the twenty-eight thousand sets of games made up by Massachusetts prisoners for our fighting men all over the world. Women inmates of the same state are completing, out of salvaged material, fifty thousand pairs of slippers for wounded men recuperating in hospitals. Most of these articles were prepared in the evenings after a full day's work on some war order.

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Would it be out of place to suggest that for each time we read the Old Testament through we read the Psalms and the New Testament an extra two or three times? And that for each time we read the New Testament through, we read the Four Gospels an extra time or two? A plan something like this: The Old Testament: Once; The Psalms: Three or four times; The Gospels: Four or six times; rest of New Testament: Three or four times.

Such a plan would require an average of twenty to thirty minutes a day, which is not too much for any Christian to give to his God.

And this should be separate from, and in addition to, our study of the Bible in preparation for sermons, addresses, Sunday-school lessons, etc. Never, never, never, should we allow ourselves to consider such studies a substitute for our daily devotional reading of the Bible. There is a decided difference between studying the Bible to find something to preach to others and in studying it to find something for our own personal benefit.

There are two approaches to the Bible: intellectual and devotional. In measure they may be combined, but usually one or the other predominates. Surely we need to use our intelligence, and make every effort to properly understand the Bible; but that is of little value unless we apply it to our own lives. In our daily Bible reading the devotional should

No part of the Bible should go too long without reading. Some parts of the Bible are very much easier to read than others. So, instead of going consecutively straight through the Bible-spending all of our daily reading time on one portion of Scripture-divide the Bible into four or five sections, and read a chapter or two daily in each section, in a plan something like this: 1. Genesis to Esther, to be read once a year. 2. Job to Malachi, except Psalms, once a year. 3. Psalms, three or four times a year. 4. The Four Gospels, five or six times a year. 5. Acts to Revelation, three or four.

Two chapters a day in each section, or ten chapters a day in all, if read every day, would complete the program considerably ahead of the end of the year. Thus, there is margin for occasional omissions when we are pressed for time. And, if we are fairly faithful, there will be time for the re-reading of favorite chapters.

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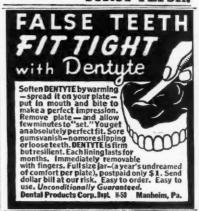
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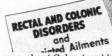
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#### LIVING ROYALLY

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and rank. After the last war we tried to make up for lost time by going into an orgy of size and speed and power. Shall we make that mistake again? Shall we continue to think that royal living is measured by the number of servants we rule over, or shall we learn what Christ taught, that greatness is measured by the number of people we serve? Shall we go on thinking that royal living consists in the number of good things which

About a century ago, Henry Thoreau turned away from the world's scramble for possessions and went out in the woods to practice the simple life. He said: 'Shall we always study to obtain more of these things, and not sometimes be content with less?" Well, if you think Thoreau was an extremist, and out of date, listen to Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, the French aviator who so brilliantly interprets the troubled modern mind. In his book, "Wind, Sand and Stars" he looks at the slim graceful fuselage of his plane, so stripped of all needless gadgets, and he says, "In anything at all, perfection is finally attained not when there is no longer anything to add, but when there is no longer anything to take away.

And lastly Christ makes for royal living by imparting the power to live up to our high calling. Our Lord himself displayed such amazing power in handling His own situations. He was always master of Himself. When the crowd fawned upon Him. He did not lose His head. When the crowd spat upon Him, He did not lose His temper. He was poor, but we never think of Him as poverty-stricken; He lived so above the limitations of material possessions. He was master of pain. He was a physician who healed the ills of others. He sought to avoid needless pain for Himself. In Gethsemane he prayed that the cup of sorrow might pass from Him. But when that was not God's will, He drank His cup of woe, drank it with the brave spirit of a good sportsman, saying, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." He accepted His cross without bitterness toward those who inflicted it, saying, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." He was master of death-master of the fear of it beforehand, master of the fact of it afterward. All that is royal living.

And this power manifest in Himself. He has imparted to countless others down the ages. In His company, men have become masters of their passions. Through His spiri men have triumphed over their poverty and pain. In His power men have faced death shouting, "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." That is royal

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### NONSENSE DESERVES ITS PLACE IN THE



### Diet Dirge

After listening to a long lecture on diet until she became disgusted, a poetess wrote the following lines to the editor of the local newspaper:

Methuselah ate what he found on his plate, And never, as people do now, Did he note the amount of the caloric count-He ate it because it was chow. He wasn't disturbed, as at dinner he sat, Destroying a roast or a pie, To think it was lacking in granular fat, Or a couple of vitamins shy. He cheerfully chewed every species of food, Untroubled by worries or fears Lest his health might be hurt by some fancy

dessert, And he lived over nine hundred years. -Protestant Voice.

### Better Climate

The tax assessor's office had to decide on which side of the United States-Canada border an old lady's newly pur-chased farm lay. Surveyors finally announced that it was just inside the United States border.

The old lady smiled in relief. 'I'm so glad to know that," she said. "I've heard that winters in Canada are terribly severe."

-Watchword

#### At Last

It happened during the rush for gasoline ration coupons, and the scene was an American high school. The white-haired teacher at the table looked up and grinned at the man standing before her, application in hand.
"Well," she said, "after all these years,

I'm finally able to give you an 'A'! -Lookout.

#### Industrial Note

The holes of stale doughnuts are broken up, and used to stuff macaroni.

-The Industrial School Journal.

### They'll Never Admit

"It's very simple to explain why a woman has never been President of the United States," the soldier said in answer to a question. "The President has to be

### Most Popular Recipe for 1945

Take one draftee, slightly green. Stir vigorously about 5 a.m. Soak thoroughly in shower. Stuff well with finest American food.

Dress superbly to taste. (You may use Olive Drab or Navy Blue.) Mix with many of his kind. Toughen with pack on

Bake in temperature of 110 degrees F. or above. Cook in sub-zero temperature or stratosphere. Grate on sergeants' nerves. Garnish with one gorgeous American girl. Serves 132 million.

#### Horse Sense

Farmer's Wife: "Is this the druggist?" "Yes, ma'am."

"Well, be sure and write plain on them labels which is for the horse and which is for my husband. I don't want nothin' to happen to that horse before spring plow-

### Hardships

The first, second and third generations had gathered for a reunion, and soon the usual reminiscences of the good old days were in order.

"The young folks nowadays don't know anything about hardships no more," Grandpa began. "Why, when I was a youngster, I had to walk seven miles through thickets and over dangerous and swampy paths back an' forth to school fer eight years, through rain an' blizzards, with the snow sometimes up to my neck!"

"Well, I'll tell you I had a purty hard time of it, too, gettin' an education," crowed Grandpa's sixty-six-year-old son. "I had to drive a buggy and sleigh over four miles of that rough dirt road to Hickville High School. And did I got my ears froze!'

Thinking it was his turn, ten-year-old Chester, the grandson, piped up boastfully: "Well, believe me, I've had some hard times of it, too. Why, one morning last winter we had to ride the whole mile to school in the bus with the heater not even working!"

### Jeweler of Araby

An American army officer, on duty somewhere in North Africa, took his signet ring to an Arab jeweler to have the tarnish removed from the inside. The Arab didn't speak English and the officer didn't speak anything but English, and pointing and gesticulating didn't seem to be getting them anywhere. Finally the Arab produced pencil and paper, and the officer, confidently surmising that the jeweler had a friend who would be able to read and translate for him, carefully printed, "REMOVE THE TARNISH," and departed, to hearty nods of comprehension by the Arab. The next day the officer called for the ring. It was still tarnished inside, but it bore, in beautifully graven letters, the uplifting words, "REMOVE THE TARNISH."

—The New Yorker.

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